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GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1909.



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THE NEW YORK RACKET.

PHIFER BROTHERS

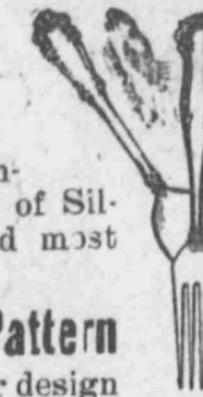
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Something for the Table

we have an exceptionally fine Holiday display of Silverware. The latest and most popular styles including

Gorham's Chantilly Pattern

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The Prince of Xmas Presents

is still the GOLD WATCH. We have beautiful selections of SOLID GOLD and high-grade GOLD FILLED CASES in all sizes. Not a stale pattern among them—each one the special product of the manufacturer for the Holiday Season of 1909.



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One Thing

on which you must rely when buying jewelry.

We value our reputation far above the profit on any number of sales, and are frequently compelled to lose a sale because we refuse to misrepresent our stock.

We believe this pays us and expect to continue to conduct our business so our reputation will be above question.

We refer the few in this community who have not dealt with us to the many who have.

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and Mirror
Ebony Goods
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Silver Novelties
Etc., Etc., Etc.

Rich Cut Glass

Hand Painted China

Nothing more appropriate for Holiday Gifts than Cut Glass or China. We have new patterns and designs, and prices will surprise you. We handle only HAWKE'S and LIBBY'S Cut Glass.



Rings and Rings

Wedding Rings
Engagement Rings
Birthday Rings
Shirt Waist Rings

All kinds and sizes of rings. No matter how much you can spend on a ring, you can spend it to best purpose with us.



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GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1909

TEN CENTS A WEEK

LAND DEVELOPMENT OF ALACHUA COUNTY

Tract of Fertile Lands Placed on the Market---To Conduct Extensive Advertising Campaign.

Times-Union of last Tuesday mentioned the following interesting interview with J. D. Stringfellow, president of the Gainesville Development Company:

The fact that Alachua county pos-

ses

money-making opportunities in agricultural and horticultural work is unquestionable. We have

and

the possibilities and are

present

in the matter of proper

ment to bring about the develop-

ment

of this most favored section of

so richly deserves.

In past score or more years I

engaged in agricultural pursuits

success with my farming ven-

tues

me to the right to talk

the standpoints of a practical

I have marveled at the pos-

of the soil of the lands in

and wondered at the appar-

and unsteady spread of

the worth of the great

ages we lay claim to,

major portion of the lands of

county are especially adapted

growing of such high-grade

as command the greatest

value. It is the kind of

that produces the very best

truck or general farming,

or intensive farming.

Grow Almost Anything.

These lands, with the proper

of attention, one is en-

grow as much if not more

than elsewhere in the State.

celery, cabbage, potatoes,

cantaloupes, water-

and other high-grade vege-

may be produced in profusion

remarkably small amount of

Of the horticultural crops,

plums, peaches, grapes,

and other species of the fruit

and produce in great quantities.

Unparalleled advantage of the

lies in the fact that irrigation

installed and maintained, it

a small cost. Almost any-

the county, and especially on

belonging to our company,

needed to dig a well to a depth

feet and secure a water

supply adequate to the demands of a vast acreage. I have never found it necessary to dig to a depth exceeding twenty feet. At this depth the water rises to a height of within six feet of the surface of the ground, and the results are most satisfactory and advantageous.

Prompted by a desire to see these fertile lands, which have laid so long dormant for the want of sufficient appreciation of their true value, I have associated myself with a company which proposes to place a certain tract of the richest lands in Alachua county in the market for colonization purposes. I have given this subject my earnest consideration, and I confidently feel that once the merits of this garden spot of Florida are brought to the attention of the outside world there will be no hesitancy in acquiring an opportunity to share in the possibilities Alachua county offers.

Close to Gainesville.

"This fine tract we are placing in the market is situated between Gainesville, the county seat of Alachua and one of the largest and most prosperous of the Florida cities, and Newnan's lake, adjacent to which is some of the most picturesque country property in all Florida. From Gainesville to Newnan's lake, throughout the tract, is soon to be constructed a hard-surfaced public highway. This paved road will be five or more miles in length and is within a very short distance from any point on our tract. The advantages of such a road will be readily seen, making possible as it will the transportation of all products of the soil and from field to market or shipping terminals by hard-surfaced route. It may be well to mention that this tract begins within a mile from the city limits of Gainesville, and the distance to the city could be easily walked within a few minutes from any part of the tract.

"It is the sole desire of our company to induce the highest type of settlers to buy and locate here. The proposition that we have is of the highest order. We have the right

kind of land and the one and only need is proper development.

Following up this interview The Times-Union reporter has the following to say of his accord:

"Large, flourishing farms in the vicinity of Gainesville demonstrate that the fertility of the soil for growing lettuce, celery and the other choice vegetables of greater marketable value. The climate conditions are most favorable to these crops. Several crops can be grown on the same land the same year, and the yield is enormous, producing for the tiller a revenue that could scarcely be equaled by any other lands in the country, excepting those lowlands which have been enriched by certain fertilizing deposits discharged there by friendly waters.

Some Advantages.

"One big advantage in favor of the lands of this company lies in the fact that they are high and dry. Another advantage is the close proximity with Gainesville, a ready market. Being connected by two quick means of transportation, the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line, Jacksonville is another ready market for the products of the soil in Alachua county.

"Made possible by the granting of a right-of-way over the lands of this company, the county of Alachua is now having the ground broken for the construction of a hard-surfaced highway connecting Gainesville with Newnan's lake, a distance of five and a half miles. This paved road will run directly through the lands of this company and will offer to those who have acquired farms on the tract to transport their farming products in a most convenient manner to market or shipping points.

"Gainesville's market is always open to receive fresh country products. Gainesville is one of the largest and most modern of the Florida cities, and numbers among her population a greater percentage of prosperous and well-to-do people than possibly any other city of the same size in the South.

What an Acre Produces.

"There are two large hotels, both of which are usually well filled with happy guests. The newest and largest of these hotels is the White House, owned and operated by Major W. R. Thomas, one of the leading bankers of the city. An acre of

ground in the rear of Major Thomas' elegant residence supplies his hotel with choice vegetable products, and the table that is set by the White House has won for itself fame abroad.

"At Gainesville is located the University of Florida. Several years ago the State appointed a board to determine upon the healthiest and most advantageous location for a State university and the result was that Gainesville was selected. In this institution may be found several hundred healthy looking young men pursuing courses in the higher educational branches. Splendidly equipped, the institution is one of the best in the country.

"A new Government building to contain the postoffice, United States land office, which has for years been located in Gainesville, and Federal Court rooms, is in process of construction.

"Gainesville is brilliantly lighted by electricity, is well policed and maintains a well equipped fire department. It has a complete and up-to-date system of sewerage, as well as a water works system.

"The transportation facilities to all points in the State could not be improved upon.

To Issue 50,000 Booklets.

"Getting back to the Gainesville Development Company, it may be of interest to the public to learn that the concern will issue about January 1, 50,000 booklets containing valuable information concerning Alachua county. The descriptive matter contained in these booklets will be thoroughly interesting and will offer much valuable information to prospective settlers.

These booklets will be distributed

A GREAT CELEBRATION TO BE HELD IN TAMPA

In Commemoration of the Beginning of Work on the Panama Canal---Program Being Arranged.

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 16.—Tampa, from February 12th to 22nd, will be the scene of one of the most novel and brilliant celebrations ever held anywhere in America, the celebration being arranged in commemoration of the beginning of work on the Panama Canal, the operation of which will bring greater benefit to Tampa than to any other port in the country, the South Florida metropolis being nearer the canal than any other port reached by large railway systems. Colon, Panama, via Tampa, is eighteen hours nearer Washington than it is via New Orleans, which illustrates Tampa's importance as a naval base and export to South America and countries of the Orient.

The celebration, which was endorsed by Congressional resolution in 1906, will include features that will thoroughly entertain visitors from all sections. The railroads, although the tourist season will be on in full blast, will grant low rates from points in the State and throughout the Union, realizing the importance of the occasion, and plans for caring for the

visitors are already being made. Among the features of entertainment and instruction will be twenty-five conventions, several of which are of international importance; the first flying machine races ever seen in the South, for which purses amounting to \$22,500 have been offered; racing by the fastest motor boats in the world, also automobile races; athletic contests between both professional and amateurs; monster fantastic and commercial parades, and other events to be announced later. President Taft, by order of Congress, will have a naval review held in Tampa Bay and army maneuvers held on land. Many distinguished Americans and foreigners will visit the city, among these being Right Honorable James Bryce, British Ambassador; General Fred Grant, Commander in Chief of the United States Army; "Private" John Allen, the famous Mississippi Congressman; Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, leader of the Woman's Suffrage movement in America, and many others of equal note. The program will include features in which residents of every section can participate.

Good Character Is Given Sugar Fraud Defendants

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Men of the sugar trust by false weighing was standing in the witness chair yesterday gave certificates of good character to the six former employees of the American Sugar Refining Company, on trial for alleged conspiracy to defraud, and James F. Bendernagel made a long statement in his own defense.

Bendernagel said that he had never had anything to do with the unloading or weighing of sugar. He did not remember paying out money to custom inspectors, although he frequently had to hand them permits inclosed in envelopes. He denied even having done anything to defraud the Government out of sugar duties or having asked for or secured the removal of any customs official from the docks.

"While the percentage realized by a want ad. will be a good investment.

If it is worth more to someone else than to you—no matter what it is—a want ad. will be a good investment.

Southern Boys Rewarded For Farming Proficiency

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Diplomas of merit yesterday were presented by Secretary Wilson in his office at the Department of Agriculture to Bascomb Usher of South Carolina, DeWitt Lundy of Mississippi, Elmer Halter of Arkansas, and Ralph Bellwood of

Virginia—all under 18 years—for special proficiency in agricultural pursuits.

The recipients are among the 12,500 engaged in the boy's demonstration work in the South. Each planted one acre of corn and cultivated it under instructions from the Department of Agriculture. Dr. C. G. Knapp, who has charge of the park demonstration work in the South, offered a trip to Washington to the boy in Mississippi who should obtain the best results.

In a brief address to the boys, Secretary Wilson declared that they and the boys engaged in like work are "the only hope we have for the continued greatness and prosperity of the country."

He pointed out that the South now in agriculture and manufacture, was prosperous as never before, because the men and women of the South had put into the work their own energy and ability, and, in no sense, were dependent upon capital or the industry of the people from other parts of the country.

Zelaya Reported to Have Massacred Revolutionists

COLON, Dec. 15.—The people of Zelaya in open revolt against the official check from the police, following the streets and giving unrestrained denunciation of the administration. Shouts of "Long live the Republic," "Long live Mexico," "Long live Zelaya," are heard on every

corner, following denunciatory Congress, and the temper of the people was madly excited by Vaquez, commander of Zelaya's forces around

that Vaquez had massacred a number of revolutionists.

Zelaya's Escape.

The American vice consul, Henry Calleja, has stuck to his post and continues the business of his office.

Calleja has been pursuing his

BURGLARS ENTER THE HOME OF MRS. HALE

FRIGHTENED AWAY BEFORE ANYTHING OF VALUE WAS TAKEN.

Supposed That This Is the Same Party Who Has Been Visiting Other Residences in City.

On Monday night burglars entered the home of Mrs. M. F. Hale on East Main street, north, but nothing of value was secured, being frightened away before they had had time to secure any valuables.

When the intruder was first discovered he was in one of the bed rooms of the home, and the noise he made in opening the drawers of the dresser attracted the attention of the occupants, who gave the alarm.

This is the second time that a residence has been entered in that section of the city, and judging from the manner in which they effect their entrance to the homes it is someone that is evidently familiar with the surroundings.

As soon as the ladies were awakened it frightened the man, and he made good his escape before the general alarm could be given.

From the statement given out it is probably the same darky that entered the Burkham home only a few nights since, and who was shot at a couple of times by Mr. Anderson as he was making his exit from the house.

Residents of the city should now take extra precautions to catch up with the thief, and be prepared to "welcome" him should he enter their homes.

LOCHLOOSA NEWS.

LOCHLOOSA, Dec. 15.—W. A. Pace, formerly of this place but now residing in Jacksonville, was in town last week spending some time with his old friends.

A. C. Hayman made a business trip to Ocala Friday.

Prof. C. A. Roberts and Miss Eva Hayman made a business trip to Hawthorn Saturday.

Misses Selma and Lois Tompkins spent last Thursday in Island Grove with the dentist, having some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tompkins spent last Sunday in Island Grove with their daughter, Mrs. E. A. Dupree.

J. O. Hayman attended the oyster supper at Island Grove Friday night, just.

C. A. Roberts spent Saturday evening, last, with friends in Island Grove.

C. A. Roberts, C. R. Mingledorff and Misses Lois and Anna Tompkins spent a pleasant day last Sunday with friends at Cross Creek.

A large shingle mill is being erected here to be known as the Lochloosa Cypress Shingle Co. The parties erecting it hope to have it completed and ready to start to work January 3rd.

Miss Zeilma Hayman spent last Sunday with relatives in Gainesville.

R. F. Caldwell spent last Sunday evening very pleasantly with friends in Island Grove.

M. A. Musselewhite has gone to Jacksonville. He has a job there with the Standard Oil Co.

Tax Notice.

In pursuance of Chapter No 4115, Section 35, Laws of Florida, I give below a statement showing the amount of taxes collected by W. D. Dickinson, tax collector of Alachua county, Florida, for the period ending Nov. 30, 1909, as shown by county treasurer's receipts on file in my office, towit:

TAX ROLL 1909.

Licenses \$ 451.10
Road Fund 1544.23
Road Fund, Special District, No. 1, \$75.10; No. 2, \$500.65; No. 3, \$50.41 695.16

Total \$ 2090.49

S. H. WIRGES,
Clerk Circuit Court.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Want advertising is a force which you can harness, and with which you can drive your plans and purposes to any desired destination.

XMAS SUGGESTIONS

A Few Valuable Hints to Xmas Shoppers

Gillette Safety Razors \$5
Ever-Ready Safety Razors \$1
I. X. L. Razors \$1 to \$3
I. X. L. P. Knives	25c to \$3.75
Klaas Pocket Knives	25c to \$4
American P. Knives	5c to \$3
Weiss Scissors 50c up
Klaas Scissors 25c up
Stork Scissors 75c
Ingersoll Watches \$1
Chafing Dishes \$5 up
Brass Tea Kettles \$3.50
Percolators \$3 up

BAIRD'S

The Store of Quality.

PLAN DEVELOPMENT OF ALACHUA COUNTY

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throughout the North by Mr. D. P. Davis, general sales manager of the company.

"The secretary and treasurer of the company is Mr. H. B. Coe, a young man of unusual business ability. Mr. Coe lays claim to those happy facilities that are calculated to produce for a meritorious enterprise the success it deserves."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of City of Gainesville for Period Ending November 30, 1909.

Condition of funds at close of business November 30, 1909:

Debits from April 1, 1909 \$35,241.72

Credits 23,959.80

To balance in the funds \$11,281.92

In the Various Funds.

Gen. Utility Bonds \$ 2,360.21

Educational Bonds 1,833.80

Municipal Bonds 136.92

Fire Protection Fund 1,732.94

Waterworks Ex. and rents 4,666.30

Gen. Funds—Consolidated 240.46

Special Street—Cash Fund 311.29

Total in Funds \$11,281.92

Nov. 30th, 1909.

Expended for various purposes since April 1st, 1909, to Nov. 30th, 1909, inclusive:

Salaries of officers \$ 2,095.20

Sanitary 65.53

Fire Department 2,142.51

Lights 1,661.55

Printing 162.90

Streets 9,916.53

Contingent Fund.

W. E. Baker, compiling ordinances 250.00

Cemetery sexton 280.00

Geo. H. Evans, auditor 100.00

Incidentals 239.07

Waterworks department 2,957.62

Gen. utility bonds, 65 coupons 1,625.00

Educational bonds, 50 coupons 1,250.00

Municipal bonds, 2 bonds redeemed with accrued interest 1,013.85

Eight coupons 200.00

Total disbursements from April 1 to Nov. 30, 1909 \$23,959.80

J. M. DELL, Clerk and Treas.

Let a want ad. negotiate a trade for you—or something you don't need for something you do.

No Cough

Your doctor's opinion of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral will convince you of its value.

SEVERELY SHOCKED WAS PAUL M'LEOD

FORCE OF VOLTAGE FROM POWER HOUSE LAYS HIM OUT.

Was Given Up for Dead for Quite a While, But Finally Resuscitated by Dr. J. H. Hodges.

Paul, the little nine-year-old son of Mrs. E. C. McLeod, who owns the City Bakery, happened to a painful accident on Tuesday evening, when he was given up for dead by those who had been attracted to the home on South Arlington street.

The little fellow was at the home of his mother with the other children and left them to go to the kitchen for some purpose, when he climbed upon the cookstove and attempted to turn on the electric light, but which act he never accomplished, for instead of getting the switch thrown on he received a severe shock which threw him to the floor, where he remained unconscious and apparently dead until taken in charge by neighbors who had been attracted by the screams of the children.

Dr. J. H. Hodges was called, and after working some time managed to restore life to the little fellow, but he was laid up all of yesterday as a result of his experience, and it will be a number of days before he really gains the full use of himself.

Mrs. McLeod was absent from her home at the time, being at her place of business on East Liberty street, but hurried to the unfortunate little fellow as fast as possible and found that everything was being done for his comfort by the many kind neighbors in that section.

Just what caused the accident could not be learned, but it was stated that the wires connected with the arc light system were probably crossed with the small lighting wires for the time by the heavy winds.

A Matter of Smokestacks.

The smokestacks on ocean vessels of recent years have been made to slope backward more particularly to give the steamer a rakish air, the masts also being given the same slope. As to the effect on the draft, there is a slight one, as the wind pressure on the front of the stack sloping up and over the top of the stack is more apt to draw the smoke out than to cut it off, but from all we are aware of this seems to have been held of secondary consideration. The shape of the smokestacks also is changing from round to oval so as to present less surface at the front. If you compare the steamers with the sloping and straight smokestacks, in one case the former, while motionless, still appears to have life, while the rigidity of the other gives it an appearance of stiffness even while under considerable speed.—St. Nicholas.

The Hunter and the Wind.
In hunting against the wind in open forests more game is passed than many hunters would suppose. The animals see the man, note that he will pass them and hide by getting as near to the ground as possible. If they scent him after he has passed they evidently realize that the danger is over, though some, mostly the younger, inexperienced animals, then sneak off. Where game is very wild it is often in such localities as I have mentioned only possible to approach them with the wind by outdistancing the latter, because a big game animal at rest depends on its nose to save it from danger in the direction from which the wind comes and on its eyes to watch the side from which it can get no other warning.—"Track and Tracking," by Josef Brunner.

Welsh National Costume.

When the French made a half-hearted attempt to invade Great Britain in 1797 a landing was made at Fishguard, Wales, but the soldiers of Napoleon were frightened off by the sight of a great number of Welsh girls and women, whom they mistook at a distance for soldiers on account of their red dresses and tall black hats. That is still the national costume of the Welsh women.

One who lives in a furnished room can be pretty "independent"—for the rents, keep the best to be had within his reach.

Have not coughed once all day? Yet you may cough tomorrow! Better be prepared for it when it comes. Ask your doctor about Ayer's Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in the drugstore. Then when the hard cold of winter next year you have a

From Arctic to Tropics in Ten Minutes

No oil heater has a higher efficiency or greater heating power than the

PERFECTION Oil Heater

(Equipped with Smokeless Device)

With it you can go from the cold of the Arctic to the warmth of the Tropics in 10 minutes.

The new

Automatic Smokeless Device

prevents smoking. There is no possible question about it.

This means greater heat-power, a more rapid diffusion of heat and a sure conversion of all the heat-energy in the oil.

In a cold room, light the heater and in 10 minutes you'll have a glowing heat that carries full content.

Turn the wick up as high as it will go—no smoke—no odor.

In everything that appeals to the provident and the fastidious, the Perfection Oil Heater, with its new automatic smokeless device, decisively leads. Finished in Nickel or Japan in various styles.

Every Dealer Everywhere. If Not At Yours, Write for Descriptive Circular to the Nearest Agency of the

STANDARD OIL COMPANY

(Incorporated)

SOUTHERN BOYS REWARDED FOR FARMING PROFICIENCY.

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are unique. No boys ever have received a similar recognition of their merit. Nothing I have done since I have been Secretary of Agriculture has given me more pleasure than to present them to you. You have earned them. You have begun right. You are now in line to achieve the highest honors of your respective States."

Constipation causes headache, nausea, dizziness, languor, heart palpitation. Drastic purges gripe, sicken, weaken the bowels and don't cure. Doan's Regulets act gently and cure constipation. 25 cents. Ask your druggist.

Typewriter ribbons for sale at this office. The best on the market. Only seventy-five cents. All colors and for use on all standard machines.

The awake person reads the want ads. every day—and answers some almost as often.

THE "KNOW HOW" P. INTO EXECUTION

is what is creating such a great demand for pressing done our new. Every little feature is given the best attention and no piece of work is allowed to leave our hands until it is carefully inspected to see that it comes up to the high standard we have set. "We're goin' some."

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219 E. Liberty St. Phone

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European Plan.

(Formerly the Acme)

Jacksonville — — — — —

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James Demos, Prop. Geo. Morford.

100 Rooms, Refitted and Refurbished. Rates,

MR. SPROUELL MAKES
MOST GENEROUS OFFER
IVES SIXTY PER CENT OF PROF-
ITS TO WOMAN'S GUILD.

ad to Have Charge of the Gaines-
ville Hardware Company on Next
Tuesday, December 21st.

The Gainesville Hardware Company, through their manager, C. W. Sprouell, have made a most liberal proposition to the Woman's Guild of Holy Trinity church, and the same has been accepted, next Tuesday being the day selected upon for this grand sale, and during the time the store will be in charge of the ladies of this society. The plan of the Gainesville Hardware Company is to give to the society fifty per cent of their profits for one day, and they are privileged to go and secure as many orders as possible to be given the firm on this day.

The following correspondence will better explain the plan as outlined by the manager of the business, and also the ladies' reply accepting the proposition:

"Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 3, 1909.

A. P. Morrow,
President Woman's Guild,
"City.

Dear Madam: We have decided to give to the Woman's Guild 60 per cent of the profits of one day's business, provided the same will be acceptable to you.

The arrangements would be to have you co-operate with us in working up a special trade for this day, on the date decided upon have your members assist us in making sales. We would pay for the advertising, and, if you desire, have regular letters printed for you to distribute both to the wholesale and retail trade.

Our regular system of recording cost as well as the selling price of all sales will enable us to determine at once what the profits are. We make this offer both with view of aiding your cause and as advertisement for our business, in event you accept the same and pleased with the results, we will glad to repeat the event each year. The Christmas holidays are now at hand, and we would suggest the 1st day of this month as a very suitable day, and in the event that day is decided upon it will be necessary to take immediate action, we will be pleased to have an early reply. Very truly yours,

Gainesville Hardware Company.

"Per C. W. Sprouell."

The Ladies Accept.

Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 7th, 1909.

Sprouell, City.

Dear Sir: The Woman's Guild of the Holy Trinity church accept your kind and generous offer of 'one day,' as proposed in your letter of December 3.

A committee of ladies will assist as requested: Mrs. Porter, Mrs. McHugh, Mrs. Graham, from 9 to 11; Mrs. W. W. Hampton, Mrs. Jones, 2 to 4; Mrs. Faircloth, Mrs. Morrow, 5 to 6, or later if desired.

The ladies fully appreciate your generous offer and join me in wishing Gainesville Hardware Company on December 21, and always, great success.

Very truly,

"MRS. A. P. MORROW,

President Woman's Guild of Holy Trinity Church."

C. Pedrick
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA.
Manufacturer

uggies and Wagons

A hand holding a large wagon wheel.

nest Vehicles
Alaways
ON HAND.

JONES BROS. & CO.

Holiday Suggestions

You can make no mistake if you select some article of house-furnishing from this store for your Holiday Gift. There are hundreds of articles here that will prove most acceptable as well as appropriate gifts, and will be lasting as well as useful to those receiving them.

Rugs and Art Squares up to \$30
Leather Couches \$18 and up
Fancy Center Tables, \$1.50 to \$5
Fancy Rockers \$1.75 to \$5
Fancy Lamps \$1.50 to \$5
Baby Beds \$5 up
Nice Clocks \$5 and up

Nice line Wardrobes.

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For the accommodation of out-of-town patrons Manager James B. Delcher of the Duval Theatre has opened a mail-order department, and requests for seats will be filled in the order of their arrival, when accompanied by a remittance. The prices range from 25c to \$1.50.

MOODY—TOWNSEND.

HAWTHORN, Dec. 15.—A wedding ceremony was performed at the home of J. F. Townsend on Wednesday, the contracting parties being J. J. Moody and Miss Eva Townsend. The bride wore a pretty white silk mull princess dress, trimmed in lace and gold ornaments, while the groom wore the conventional black. The bride is well and favorably known here, and the groom is one of Belmore's most respected young men. They received quite a number of pretty and useful presents. The happy couple left at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on the Seaboard for their future home at Belmore. We wish them a long life of much happiness and prosperity.

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AND HEAR THE OLD FOLKS.

Lordy, though, at night, you know, to set around and hear
The old folks work the story off about the sledge and deer
And Santy shootin' round the roof all wrapped in fur and fuz—
Long afore

I knew who
Santy Claus wuz.

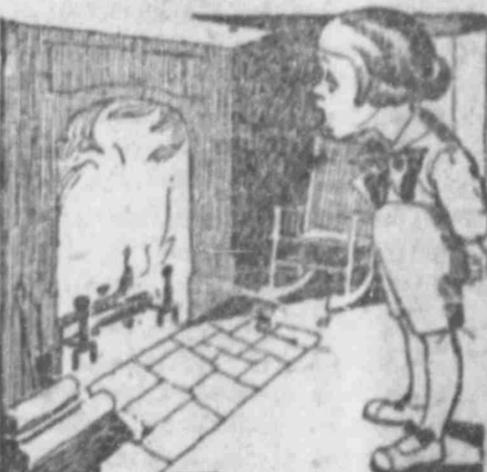
UST to wait and sit up later a week er two ahead.
Couldn't hardly keep awake ner wouldn't go to bed.
Kittle stewin' on the fire, and mother sittin' near
Darnin' socks and rockin' in the skreeky rocking cheer.



QUAR'L WITH HIS FROSTED HEELS.
Pap gap and wonder where it wuz the money went
And quar'l with his frosted heels and spill his liniment,
And we a-dreamin' sleighbells when the clock ud whir and buzz—
Long afore

I knew who
Santy Claus wuz.

SIZE the fireplace and figger how old Santy could
Manage to come down the chimbley, like they said he would.
Wish that I could hide and see him—wondered what he'd say
Ef he ketched a feller layin' fer him that a-way.



SIZE THE FIREPLACE.

But I bet on him and liked him same as ef he had
Turned to pat me on the back and say: "Look a-here, my lad—
Here's my pack; jes' he's yours' like all good boys does"—
Long afore

I knew who
Santy Claus wuz.

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OUR CHRISTMAS EDITION.

The Sun greets its readers this morning in holiday attire, this being our regular Christmas edition, which is published thus early in order to reach the people in time for them to learn where to do their holiday shopping. The issue comprises twenty-four pages, and while it is not all that we would have liked to have made it, being delayed in receiving the cover especially ordered for this edition, still we pride ourselves that it is the best paper of the kind ever issued from a Gainesville printing office.

We thank those business men whose patronage have made possible the publication of this issue, and bespeak for them a patronage from the public that will reward them for the patronage they have extended us.

We wish each of our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and trust that all of us will be spared to greet each other at the close of the coming year, which promises to be the most prosperous in the history of our State and county.

When Louis 16 of France heard of the capture of the Bastille he exclaimed, "It is an insurrection," to which one of the attendant nobles replied, "Sire, it is a revolution." That revolution was brought about by the nobles through their abuse of power extending over a long period. Now, if all signs do not fail, the English nobles, by their insane rejection of the budget, have precipitated a revolution which will be none the less effective for being wrought with ballots instead of bullets. By the end of January it will be known whether by the triumph of the Lords the hands of the political clock are to be set back 200 years or whether by the triumph of the Commons they will be measurably set forward. The prospect is that they will be set forward and the special privileges of the house of Lords be considerably shorn and perhaps extinguished.

Few flowers have so responded to cultivation as the chrysanthemum, which now is so popular through the land. By careful selection and hybridization the small unattractive flower introduced in England by Phillip Miller a hundred and fifty years ago has become a beautiful flower noted for its wealth of blossom, size, and richness of color. It is emphatically an autumn flower, and so hardy that in perhaps most places it blossoms generously out of doors, though for best results indoor cultivation is generally needed in Northern latitudes. In its popularity the chrysanthemum among the cultivated flowers of autumn holds the same position as the goldenrod does among the wild flowers of our land.

"Advertise unto others if ye would that their trade should come unto you," says Mahin's Messenger.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY OF GAINESVILLE.

Few cities in the State of Florida can compare with Gainesville in point of superiority from every standpoint, and none can equal her in her many advantages as to location and natural surroundings. When the city was first conceived the matter of health was taken into consideration, and the planning for a location on the highest point in the county, with an excellent opportunity for natural drainage, was a wise step.

But the builders possibly had no thought of the other good things provided by nature, until in later years, when those who were searching to add to the blessings that her residents might enjoy discovered the wonderful springs of pure water near the corporate limits that were to add to gifts so generously bestowed on her people and furnish an ever-abundant supply of water for domestic uses and also quite enough to fill the wants of a city for protection from conflagrations, for lawn sprinkling and other uses. In order to supply the city with this famous Boulware spring water, which chemical analysis proves to be the equal of any in the United States for purity, a system of waterworks was installed by the city at a cost of \$60,000, and every resident can have it brought to his home at a small cost.

The beauty of Gainesville is in her shade trees and residences. Many of her broad thoroughfares are lined with towering oaks that furnish an abundance of shade, some of the streets having three rows—one on each side and one in the center, making them have the appearance of a beautiful park, with ornamental trees interspersed at intervals, and blossoming plants of many varieties. The time in which to see and admire Gainesville is in the spring, when the symmetrical trees are putting forth their beautiful foliage and the roses are in bloom. The mocking birds are present with their silvery voices, and all nature seems to pour forth its mood of praise of the joyous season. Many people who have visited the beauty spots of our attractive peninsula, return to Gainesville with the satisfied remark, "There are none more lovely than dear old Gainesville."

The residence portion of Gainesville is its beauty, and there is no city in Florida where the average of substantial and comfortable homes is larger. There are many very beautiful and spacious mansions, while the number of dwellings that are above the average found in cities of its population is very large. These homes of the mechanic and artisan are in nearly every instance made very attractive, both on the outside and within, and while they are built at a cost of from \$1,000 to \$2,000, there are found on our shaded thoroughfares many spacious dwellings that cost from \$5,000 to \$10,000. They are built with a view to outward appearance and happiness within, and while the more pretentious attract attention for their stately appearance and alluring surroundings, the air about the humblest cottage has a charm of home that calls forth the admiration of the stranger and leads him to believe that the happiness of home is found within their walls, and that our city is the place for the comforts of life. Nearly all these homes are supplied with the most modern conveniences, and of all things for which Florida is noted there is no spot where more attention is paid to this one particular, and home in Gainesville is a haven of rest for those who come here to enjoy the blessings of our congenial climate.

A house without the people to welcome the coming and speed the parting guest would be gloomy indeed. But Gainesville has no gloomy homes. There is good cheer and a hearty welcome at every hearthstone, and no one yet has ever spoken only in highest terms of praise of the generous feeling and truly whole-souled expressions of friendship of her people for the stranger at her gates. This fact is touched for by all who have ever been in our midst and had occasion to give expression to their sentiments on the question. While her citizens maintain a dignity of manner that is to be admired, they are ever ready to show their appreciation of the lady or gentleman who may present themselves for gracious favors, and there is no city in the North or South where honesty of purpose and respectability is quicker recognized and more truly appreciated than in the city of Gainesville. This may seem an as-

sertion of wide dimensions, but we have the testimony of hundreds regarding its truthfulness, and no good man or true woman need have fear of finding good friends within our city, no matter what their financial standing may be.

We have yet to hear an unkind word regarding the city or its people, although we have the testimonials in her favor from people who come from every section of our country.

To verify the truth of the statements here made, come and see for yourself.

LARGE BUILDING CONTRACT.

University Place is destined to become quite suddenly a residential part of the city, and justly so, for there is no more attractive place to build than in this beautiful sub-division. Aside from the several homes to be built at once by the different purchasers of lots, Major W. R. Thomas has placed an order for immediate delivery for all the brick necessary in the construction of six houses, the erection of which will begin immediately after the holidays. These cottages will be of an unique and attractive design, something different from the usual, and equipped with all the modern improvements. It is not known whether these houses are for sale or for renting purposes, but such homes are in great demand in Gainesville, as new families are constantly moving here to take advantage of our unparalleled social, educational and business opportunities. With at least a dozen new houses to be built in University Place, and others in different sections of the city, it is fair to say that a building boom is on in Gainesville and real estate values are increasing steadily.

It is gratifying to know that the fight against consumption is winning. Ultimately this dread disease, like others that once were prevalent, will almost cease to be. But, unfortunately, what society gains from science is often neutralized by its own follies. Nervous and mental diseases are on the increase simply because society lives too high and goes at too rapid a pace. Hurry, sensationalism, the craving for excitement, the mad eagerness for wealth, and pleasures that violate all rules for health, are responsible for the alarming increase in sudden deaths, heart failure, nervous breakdown and insanity. If society would but co-operate with science it would gain immensely in health and every other way.

What is known as "poetic license" gives a wide latitude for ideas and expression, but occasionally a poet oversteps the boundary and brings upon himself the condemnation of the public. If the explanation alleged to have been made by William Watson, the English poet, for the writing of "The Woman with a Serpent's Tongue" is correct, then he is guilty of a gross breach of confidence and ungentlemanly conduct that will lower him considerably in the estimation of those who recognize the merits of his poetry but who also believe that even a poet should observe social amenities and respect confidence.

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NATURAL CURIOSITIES OF ALACHUA COUNTY

The Great Sink.

The Sink, lying three miles south of Gainesville, is one of Florida's greatest and most interesting attractions. For centuries this Sink, which is now known as Alachua Lake, has been known to travelers and explorers and has from the earliest times excited the curiosity and admiration of those who have visited it. It was first visited and graphically described by a Spaniard over three hundred years ago. The description following is an extract from "William Bartram's Travels Through North and South Carolina, Georgia, East and West Florida, and the Cherokee Country," published in Philadelphia and London in 1791:

"We alighted in a pleasant vista, turning our horses to graze while we amused ourselves with exploring the borders of the Great Sink. In this place a group of rocky hills almost surrounds a large basin, which is the general receptacle of the water, draining from every part of the vast savanna, by lateral conduits winding about, and one after another joining the main creek or general conductor, which at length delivers them into this sink, where they descend by slow degrees, through rocky caverns, into the bowels of the earth, whence they are carried by secret subterranean channels into other receptacles and basins. We ascended a collection of eminences, covered with dark groves, which is one point of the crescent that partly encircles the sink or basin open only on the side next the savanna, where it is joined to the great channel or general conductor of the waters. From this point over to the opposite point of the crescent (which is a similar high rocky promontory) is about one hundred yards, forming a vast semi-circle cove or basin, the hills encircling it rising very steep fifty or sixty feet high, rocky, perpendicular and bare of earth next the waters of the basin. The hills, from the top of the perpendicular, fluted, excavated walls of rock, slant off moderately up to their summits, and are covered with a very fertile, loose, black earth, which nourishes and supports a dark grove of very large trees, varieties of shrubs and herbaceous plants. These high forest trees surrounding the basin, by their great height and spread, so effectually shade the waters that, coming suddenly from the open plains, we seem at once shut up in darkness and the waters appear black, yet are clear. When we ascend the top of the hills, we perceive the ground to be uneven, by round swelling points and corresponding hollows, overspread with gloomy shade, occasioned by the tall and spreading trees, such as live oak, morus rubra, zanthoxylon, sapindus, liquidambar, illa, laurus horbonia, quercus dentata, juglans cinerea, and others, together with orange trees of remarkable magnitude and very fruitful. But that which is most singular and to me unaccountable, is the insundibuliform cavities, even on the top of these high hills, some twenty, thirty, and forty yards across, at their superficial rims exactly circular, as if struck with a compass, sloping gradually inwards to a point at bottom, forming an inverted cone, or like one upper wide part of a funnel; the perpendicular depth of them from the common surface is various, some descending twenty feet deep, others almost to the bed of rocks, which forms the foundation or nucleus of the hills, and indeed of the whole country of East Florida; some of them seem to be nearly filled up with earth, swept in from the common surface, but retain the same uniformity; though sometimes so close together as to be broken one into another. In and about the Great Sink are to be seen incredible numbers of crocodiles, some of which are of an enormous size, and view the passenger with incredible impudence and avidity; and at this time they are so abundant that, if permitted by them, I could walk over any part of the basin and the river upon their heads, which slowly float and turn about like knotty chunks or logs of wood, except when they plunge or shoot forward to beat off their associates pressing too close to each other, or taking up fish, which continually crowd in upon them from the savanna, especially the great trout, mudfish, catfish, and the various species of

bream; the gar are rather too hard for their jaws and rough for their throats, especially here, where they have a superfluous plenty and variety, of those that are every way preferable; besides, the gar being, like themselves, a war-like, voracious creature, they seem to be in league or confederacy together, to enslave and devour the numerous defenceless tribes.

"It is astonishing and incredible, perhaps I may say, to relate what unspeakable numbers of fish repair to this fatal fountain or receptacle, during the latter summer season and autumn, when the powerful sunbeams have evaporated the waters off the savanna; where those who are so fortunate as to effect a retreat into the conductor, and escape the devouring jaws of the fearful alligator and armed gar, descend into the earth, through the wells and cavities or vase perforations of the rocks, and from thence are conducted and carried away, by secret subterranean conduits and gloomy vaults, to other distant lakes and rivers. And it does not appear improbable but that at some future day this vast savanna, or lake of waters, in the winter season will be discovered to be in a great measure filled with its funny inhabitants, who are strangers or adventurers from other lakes, ponds and rivers, by subterranean rivulets and communications to this rocky, dark door, or outlet, whence they ascend to its surface, spread over and people the winter lake, where they breed, increase, and continue as long as it is under water, or during pleasure, for they are at all seasons to be seen ascending and descending through the rocks; but towards the autumn, when the waters have almost left the plains, they then crowd to the sink in such multitudes as at times to be seen pressing on in great banks into the basin, being urged by pursuing bands of alligators and gar, and when entering the great basin, or sink, are suddenly fallen upon by another army of the same devouring enemies lying in wait for them. Thousands are driven on shore, they perish and rot in banks, which was evident at the time I was there, the stench being intolerable, although then early in the summer. There are three great doors, or vent holes, through the rocks in the sink, two near the center and the other one near the rim, much higher up than the other two, which was conspicuous through the clear water. The beds of rocks lay in horizontal thick strata, or limnae one over the other, where the sink holes or outlets are. These rocks are perforated by perpendicular wells or tubes, four, five and six feet in diameter, exactly circular, as the tube of a cannon or walled well. Many of these are broken into one another, forming a great ragged orifice, appearing fluted by alternate jabs and semi-circular perpendicular niches or excavations."

The Devil's Mill Hopper.

About six miles northwest of Gainesville is what is known as the Devil's Mill Hopper. It is a physical phenomena of like nature as the sink, but with more wonders. It is formed like a washbowl, over 100 feet in depth, and is at all times filled with water to a certain depth, which spreads out at the basin of the hopper in the form of a lake, which neither rises nor falls, notwithstanding that some twenty streams are pouring their contents into it continuously. These streams emerge from the sides at various heights above the level of the water in the lake below, coming from no one knows where, as there is no sign of a stream anywhere upon the surface of the earth for miles around. A remarkable feature of this wonderful sink is that, while for miles around the growth of timber is all pine, inside the Hopper may be found timber of almost every kind known to Florida soil. Trees of every description, from the diminutive sapling to the towering magnolia, are thickly studded on all sides of the Hopper. Beautiful flowers and mammoth ferns grow in luxuriant profusion, and when the sun is shining the reflection in the miniature lake of all above is grand beyond description.

The Devil's Mill Hopper and Warren's Cave, which is another wonder in the same vicinity, are favorite resorts for picnic parties and visiting

strangers. The drive from Gainesville to those attractive features of Alachua county's natural curiosities is a pleasant one, over a good road. No stranger visiting this city should fail to see the Devil's Mill Hopper and Warren's Cave.

Natural Wells.

The natural wells of Alachua county are great wonders. They are unique in that they are not known to exist in any other part of the world. There are hundreds of these wells in this locality. They are most frequently found in the western part of the county. These wells are as round and perpendicular as though they had been cut through the rock by the hand of man. Most of them contain water, but some are dry. In diameter they are usually about two and a half feet, and are generally from thirty to forty feet deep; in some of them, however, no bottom has ever been found. The walls are of solid limestone. The water in them contains lime, and in summer is quite cool. The dry wells are perfectly safe to enter. In one, at least, parties can go down into it a distance of thirty feet, and then through an underground passage can come up out of another one a mile away. These wells, together with the numerous sinks, lakes and springs are among the greatest of Florida's attractions. No one coming to this State should fail to visit Gainesville and Alachua county and see these natural curiosities.

Mammoth Trees.

Those who imagine that the sandy soil of Florida is not productive are wide of the mark. Trees of enormous size are common all over Alachua county. Joseph Simms and Surveyor Bailey of Alachua county, while surveying a line in the Ocklawaha swamp, found a giant tree that measured 38 feet and nine inches in circumference. There is a live oak in Micanopy claimed to be by actual measurement 22 feet in circumference, and its branches cover an area of nearly a quarter of an acre. Its age, of course, is not known, but judging from its immense size and the very slow growth of this kind of oak, one would suppose its age to be at least one thousand years. No doubt its large and spreading branches have afforded shelter and protection for the red man from storms centuries ago. Another mammoth live oak, 32 feet in circumference, may be seen three miles southwest of Gainesville, in the Rocky Point region, near Alachua Lake. There are hundreds of trees in that vicinity from four to five feet in diameter. In the city of Gainesville there are hundreds of handsome oaks from two and a half to three feet in diameter. Less than one mile and a half from Gainesville there are many magnolia trees measuring fully three feet in diameter, and on the land of Mr. Freeze northwest of this city, is a pine tree at least five feet in diameter. There are also hickory trees measuring from two and a half to three feet through. In the swamps of Florida there are cypress trees from six to eight feet in diameter. These giants of the forest are living witnesses of what the soil of Alachua county can produce.

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I looked the most all knowing of an all knowing race, But as I neared maturity a came over that. And now I look as innocent as a pussy cat.

AND people, when they are anywhere, are not impressed with the idea that I've a that's different from the Of ordinary minds they meet, ever they may be. But that is not the thing most distressing unto me. The thing I hate the most in weary span of life has happened to me since I tender little wife. She's tender, and she's pretty by jingo, in my house. She rules the whole establishment whilst I'm nixcumarous.

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An Echo of Tennessee
"Ring out, wild bells!" a poet
"Ring off!" was heard to say.
"Those same wild bells, the poet
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"I'll ring those bells," he said,
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TEN CENTS A WEEK

CHRISTMAS IN FICTION.

By GEORGE H. PICARD

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NOT until the first half of the last century was well spent did the species of literature which has come to be known as Christmas fiction effect a permanent lodgment in the hearts of English speaking mankind. The ancient parable plays and the rhymed holiday legends of the middle ages are still in use on the continent, but the more secular minded English had only the rude Yuletide jingles and the quaint carols of beef eating antiquity.

Contrary to the prevailing notion, the inventor of the tale with a distinctively Christmas flavor was an American. It is likely that it would occur to few Americans and to no Englishman to dissent if it were asserted in their presence that Charles Dickens originated the Christmas story. His name is so inseparably connected with so much of the holiday literature enshrined in the popular heart that it is small wonder the mention of Christmas suggests him. The credit of the "literary find," however, must be given to another, a man who was at the end of his thirties when Dickens was born, who had been at Malta when Nelson's fleet sailed away to Trafalgar, who had visited Sir Walter at Abbotsford and had captivated him and who was afterward secretary to the United States legation in England. That, of course, means Washington Irving.

Irving's first book, "The Sketch-Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.," had pleased everybody, so much so, indeed, that it was republished by John Murray in London and translated into several continental languages. Both the publishers and the public were urging him to do something equally meritorious. Nobody realized more keenly than did the author of the exquisite work the difficulty of producing its mate, and he was not a man to be driven into mediocrity. Three years later he published "Bracebridge Hall," and the chapter of that masterpiece of literary workmanship entitled "Christmas at Bracebridge Hall" was the pioneer holiday tale of English literature and has furnished a model for subsequent fictionists which has seldom been equaled and never excelled. Its easy grace and felicity of expression were a revelation to everybody in those days, and the wonder and the charm are potent still.

William Makepeace Thackeray, master of a realism that is the wonder and the despair of those who have followed him, needed no model and chose none. His "Mrs. Perkins' Ball" resembles nothing ever conceived in the mind of any other man. The public was pleased with it, but never so much as was Thackeray himself.

HAWTHORNE.

Most amazing of all, the author of the tale professed to believe that it was "Mrs. Perkins' Ball" that had made his reputation—that, too, in the face of the fact that "Vanity Fair" had just been published. This perversion of Thackeray in regard to the literary value of his wares and his lack of faith in his masterpiece—he had so little confidence in the success of "Vanity Fair" that after it appeared he applied for a small government position—are proof sufficient that the man who creates a masterpiece may have a dim conception of artistic values.

All the makers of great fiction are more or less under the spell of their immediate surroundings, but few have made it more apparent than Charles Dickens. Those who knew the circumstances saw plainly that he had put himself and his sad childhood into many of his pathetic short stories. This is especially true of "The Ghost in Master B.'s Room," which is an account of things which happened to him in his troubled boyhood. As a child he was a firm believer in ghosts, and it is probable that he never entirely



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ly abandoned his faith in spectral appearances. Many of his tales are peopled with disembodied spirits, and they are like the ghosts of no other writer. They are the spooks that appeal to one and make one believe in their genuineness. They are frequently more real than the living characters who consort with them. Although they are dead, they conduct themselves like living entities.

Dickens' Christmas ghosts are unique in the realm of literature. Of all the silent shapes that have been summoned from the upper and nether worlds to lend enchantment to the Christmas tale, his alone have become acclimated. There is never anything repulsive about them. They are the most companionable spooks ever invented. They are seldom sepulchral, but are frequently cheerful. They are not the haunting, sleep killing and never to be exorcised phantoms of the fairy tales, but actual personalities, freed from all mortal restrictions in regard to locomotion that come to us when we bid them and vanish politely when we are weary of their presence.

Bret Harte never made a secret of his admiration for the creator of Little Nell and Tom Pinch. Like Paul at the feet of Gamaliel, he was content to receive his lesson from the man he acknowledged to be his master. Not until after Dickens had finished his work did the young literary light who stood revealed in the far western firmament learn that his model had been

that exquisite elegy "Dickens in Camp" and had been heard to express his admiration of it in the most generous terms. The dying novelist declared that the work of the new American writer contained such subtle strokes of workmanship as no other writer in the language had yet exhibited. And then he asked, with a humorous gleam in his weary eyes, "Don't you think that his manner is very like my own?"

Like Dickens, Harte had a genuine fondness for the doings of Yuletide. One who knew him best says that up to the last day of his life "he thought much of the Christmas season and to the last kept up the fond and foolish custom of sending generous presents to his friends." Better appreciated in England than in his native country, Harte spent the later years of his life abroad, but his stories were to the last distinctively American. In that admirable performance entitled "How Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar" there is no flavor of the old world Christmas, and Johnny, clothed in the stars and stripes, is a young American of the most unmistakable sort.

Two of the most strikingly dissimilar Christmas stories ever written are

Hawthorne's "Christmas Banquet" and Miss Mitford's "Christmas Party." There is little of Christmas in Hawthorne's gruesome tale. The joyous festival is only a literary makeshift around which is woven a weird

psychological study that drives all remembrance of the blessed season from the mind. Its ghosts are not the so-called and easily banished spooks of Dickens. They are formless and creepy and all pervading. They are the fearsome specters that rise in the frigid vapors of German mysticism, and they are made icier still with a strong admixture of New England transcendentalism. It is a masterpiece in conception and in treatment—no question at all about that—but it does not make the Yule log glow more brightly or lend a better flavor to the steaming bowl.

Mary Russell Mitford does not deal in ghosts. All of her Christmas characters are flesh and blood people, and they are not of the sort that "will not stay dead when they die." Her "Christmas Party" is as dainty in its workmanship as anything which ever came from her careful pen, and that is saying much. It is as restful and non-suggestive as a pastoral, and its influence is as soothing as the delicate savor which escapes when the cover of a potpourri jar is lifted or the drawer of an old time cabinet is opened—the faint, pervasive odor of crushed rose leaves and dried lavender.

A BOSS ANSWER.

Jewel—Arrah, Jimmy, why did I marry ye? Just tell me that, for it's meself that's had to maintain ye ever since the blessed day that I became your wife.

"Swate jewel," replied Jimmy, not relishing the charge, "and it's meself that hopes I may live to see the day when you're a widow weeping over the cold sod that covers me, then I'll see how you'll get along without me, honey."—London Evening

A TRUE STORY OF CHRISTMAS AT SEA.

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The gathering of "old salts," officially known as the Harbor club, was in session at Captain Truman's store, down by the dock. Outside the wind howled and shrieked through the rigging of the fleet of coasting vessels warped alongside the Main street wharf, and unconsciously the men hitched their chairs closer to the fire as a fiercer blast rattled the windows. During a temporary lull in the storm Cap'n Si Tuttle broke the silence with the following narrative:

"Twas jest sech a Christmas eve as this, along back in the eighties, when I was roundin' old Hatteras in the good ship *Tirzah Ann*. You recollect her, don't you? Hailed from Greenport and could smash through any gale that ever blew.

"In course I was some wet on deck, and the further we pounded along the rougher it got, and finally we had to turn and run afore the wind. Never saw sech a gale to hang on! We plowed through seas you could only guess the height of. And dark! You couldn't see your hand afore your face.

"There was five of us aboard, and we was pretty well tuckered out next mornin', but daylight showed no let-up, and, to make things wuss, a heavy snow set in. Seemed as if it turned to ice to wunst soon as it hit the deck, and afore you could say 'Jack Robinson' the riggin' was froze solid, and a dozen men with axes couldn't have cast loose the dory.

"Along about six bells the fast mate took the wheel, and I went below to get a brace, when there come a heavy crash, and both masts went by the board. I went up the companionway in two jumps, but afore I reached the deck the water was pourin' into the fo'castle in tons, and the ship begun to heave and wallow like a stuck pig.

"There warn't any use tryin' to launch the dory, even if we had had time, and in two shakes of a dog's tail the *Tirzah Ann* rose high on the top of a huge comber, quivered like a dyin' lion and then plunged head first beneath the waves with all on board."

Captain Si stopped and leisurely bit off a chunk of cut plug, when some one asked, "How did you escape?"

"We didn't," drawled the captain. "Every blamed one of us wuz drowned."

W. F. H.

Christmas Superstitions.
If Christmas day on Sunday be,
A troublous winter ye shall see,
Mingled with waters strong;
Good there shall be without fail,
For the summer shall be reasonable,
With storms at times among.

Wines that year shall all be good;
The harvest shall be wet with flood,
Pestilence fall on many a country,
Ere that sickness shall have passed
And while great tempests last
Many young people dead shall be.

Princes that year with iron shall die;
There shall be changing of many lords
high,
Among knightis great debate.
Many tidings shall come to men;
Many wives shall be weeping then,
Both of poor and great estate.

The faith shall then be hurt truly,
For divers points of heresy
That shall then appear
Through the tempting of the fiend,
And divers masters unkind
Shall bring greater danger near.

Cattle shall thrive, one and the other,
Save oxen: they shall kill each other.
And some beasts—they shall die.
Both fruit and corn will not be good,
Apples will be scarce for food,
And ships shall suffer on the sea.
—From Harleian MS. in British Museum,
Fifteenth Century.

An Awkward Selection.

The first Baron Keyon was rather fond of telling the story of how while on circuit with Justice Hook they entered a village just in time to accompany the population to the little village church. The parish clerk, anxious to have the congregation show due appreciation of the honor conferred by the presence of the distinguished jurists, gave out two verses of one of the metrical psalms: "Speak, O ye judges of the earth, if just your sentence be, or must not innocence appeal to heaven from your decree? Your wicked hearts and judgments are alike by malice swayed, your gripping bands by mighty bribes to violence betrayed."

By this time most of the adults had woken up to the application of the psalm and remained silent, allowing the children to continue the second verse.—London Evening



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"When Mr. Blank took me and the baby some years ago to try life on a Texas sheep ranch we found there were a good many things in the world that we had no conception of before, and life took on a different aspect. It was a happy life, but it was not an easy one. I had to do all kinds of housework, the hardest kind of housework, and cooking in a house situated in a Texas chaparral is not cooking as it is done even in a New York flat. We lived chiefly on game which Mr. Blank shot as we needed it. Our vegetables were all canned-peas, corn and a certain number of things we kept always on hand."

"I suppose I made myself a great deal more work than was necessary and did twice as much cooking, but I was used to everything in eastern style, and it did not occur to me that I could have things in any other way. We always had dessert every day for dinner. I made cake, and practically as we lived in the wilds of Texas exactly as we could here."

"Well, the day when Mr. Blank did not come home to dinner was New Year's. There was not so much difference between the days--they were all working days--but I had prepared a special dinner. Mr. Blank was going off to the dipping vats, but he was to be back at 2 o'clock for dinner, and I prepared a good one. It was rabbit, I think, that day. Our nearest neighbors were a family of Alsatians whom we knew very well and who had been very kind to us. That morning before breakfast Mr. Blank had ridden over there on business of some kind. They had made eggnog to celebrate the day, and of course he must accept their hospitality and take a glass."

"Now, a good strong eggnog is not exactly a before breakfast drink for a man who is not accustomed to taking it at that hour in the morning, and the eggnog was a strong one. It was New Year's day, and eggnog ingredients can be found in Texas when potatoes can-

not. When Mr. Blank came home he



HE MANAGED TO CRAWL UP.

could not eat his breakfast and only took a few swallows of coffee and mounted his horse and rode away.

"I went to work and cooked dinner in my best style. I had a little oil stove, for it was always warm where we were, except when a norther came up. Everything was done to perfection and ready to put on the table at 2 o'clock, but Mr. Blank did not come. I looked out, but he was nowhere in sight. Two o'clock passed, 2:30, 3 o'clock, and still he did not come."

"Any one would have supposed that I would have been frightened and think something had happened to him, for he is one of the most considerate of men and this was a most unusual occurrence. But I was not frightened. If anything had happened probably the men would have brought me word. I had a good dinner prepared, and he did not come, and on New Year's day, I grew more and more angry as the time passed, until by night I was hardly in a condition to speak. By and by he rode up. He seemed to feel my mood. Anyway, his first words were: 'I suppose you are provoked.'

"'Yes,' I said, 'I am.'

"He was angry then, and he went off to stake out his horse without another word. It didn't last long, however, and we came to an understanding."

"It seems that that eggnog, taken the first thing in the morning, had been too much for him. He had hardly left the house before he was overcome with an irresistible desire to sleep. He says he never knew how he reached the dipping vats, for he slept most of the way on his horse's back. When he got there he found working

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ged mountains, the green grass, the nodding flowers. Perhaps it was the strength, the grace and the beauty of these that wrought themselves into her simple work.

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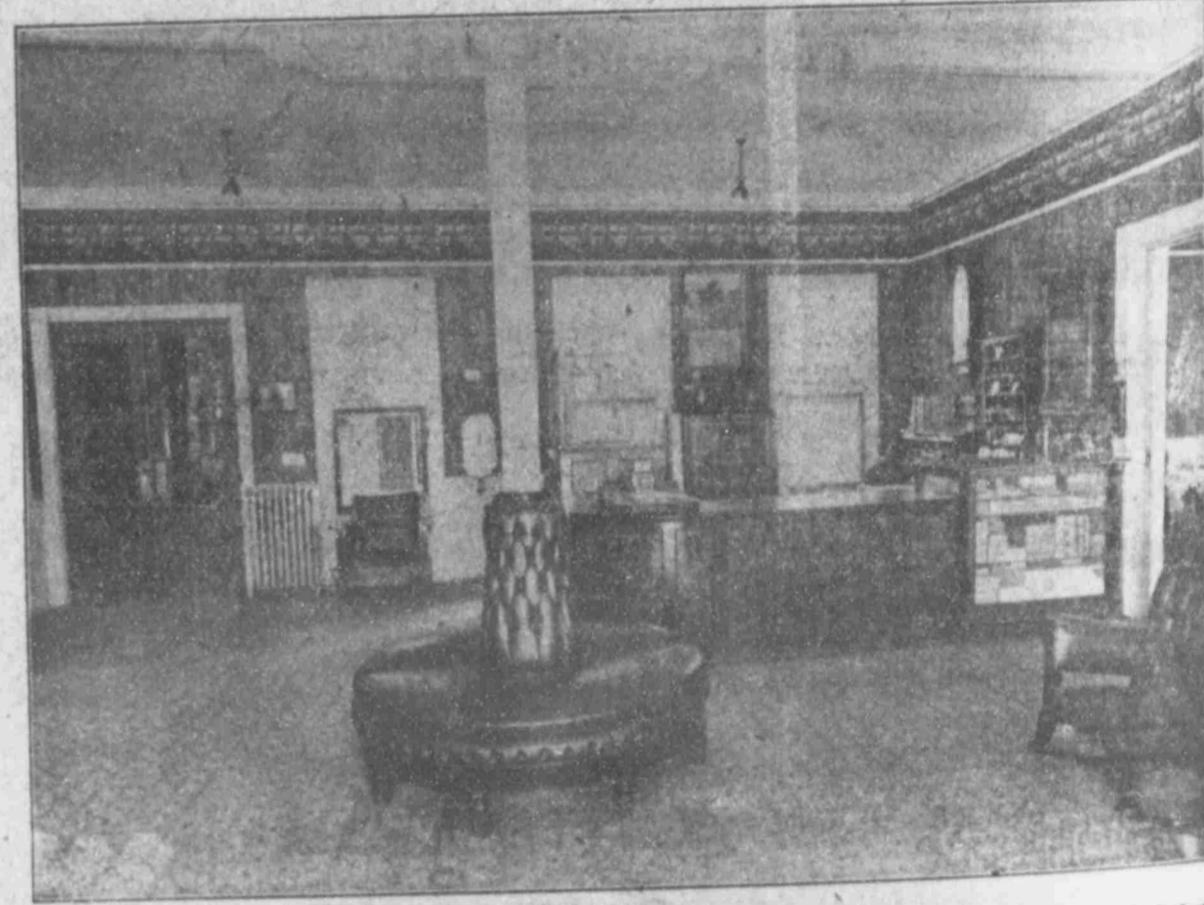
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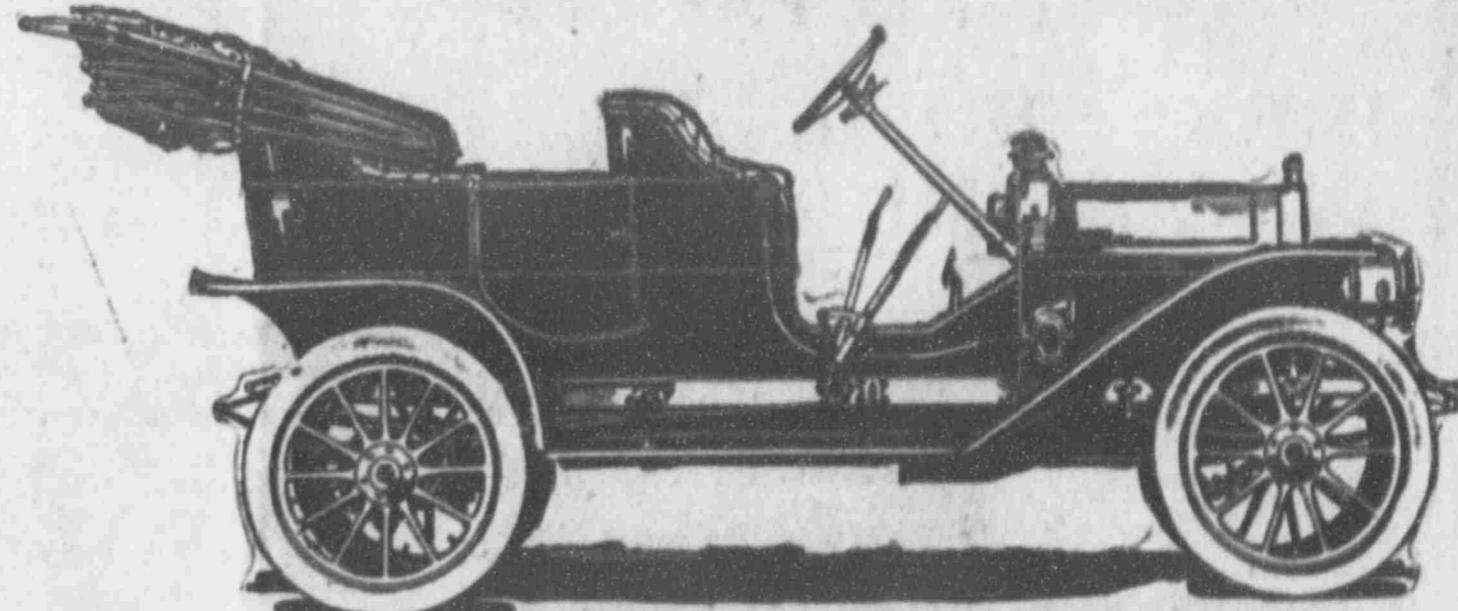
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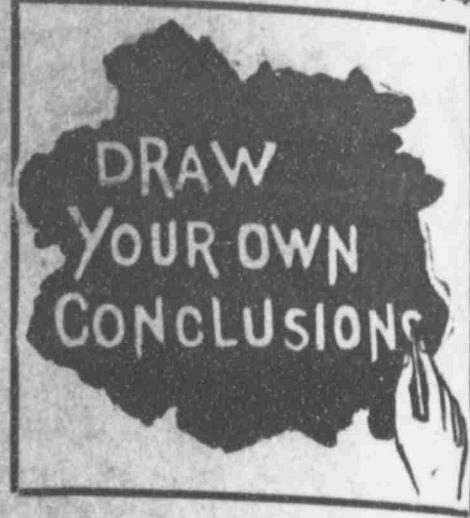
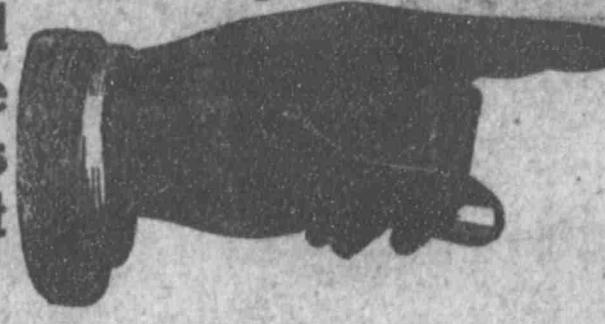
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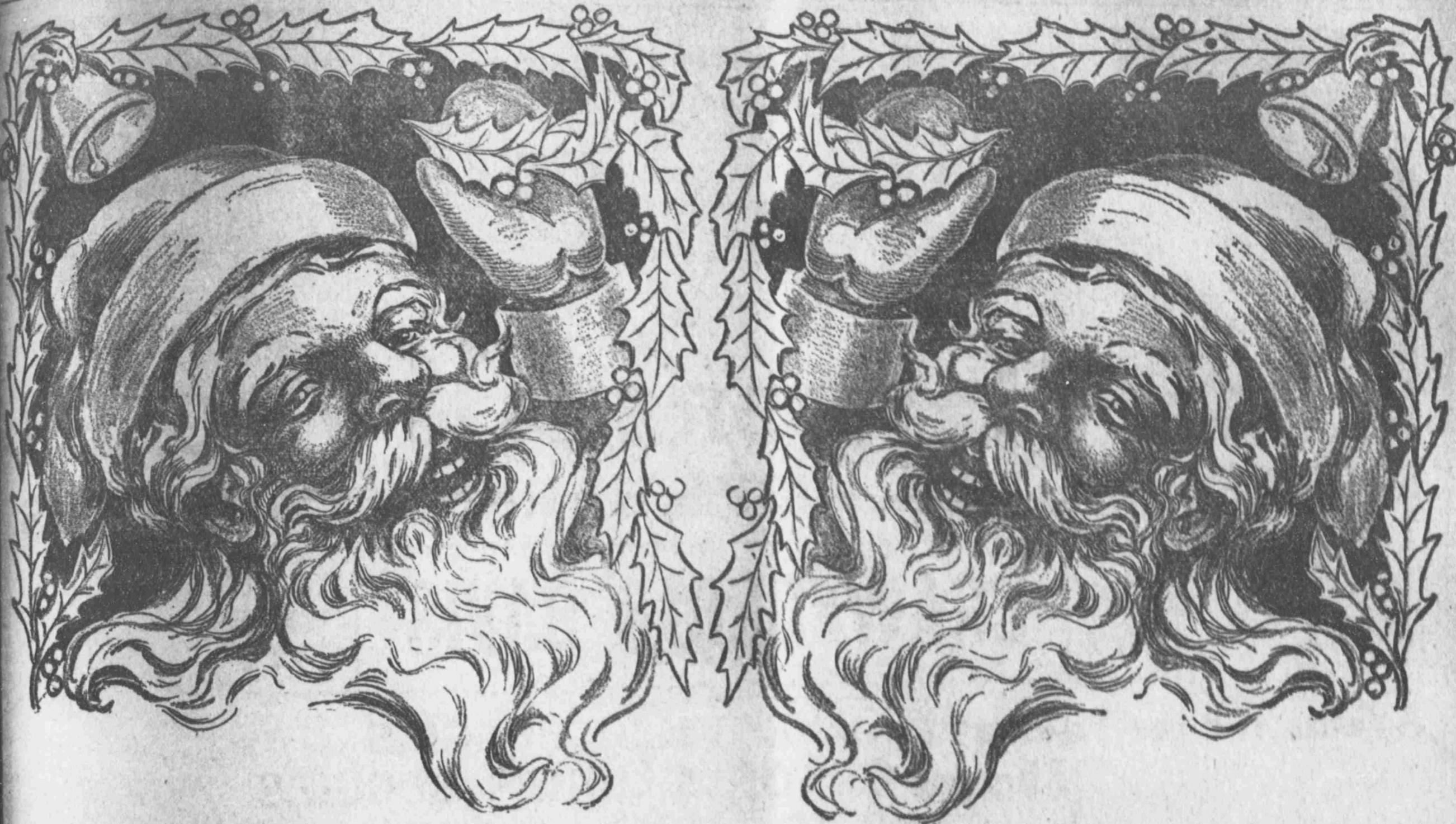
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THEIR CHRISTMAS SURPRISE.

"HIS year," said Cartwright firmly, "there are going to be no Christmas surprises in my happy home—none of those little attempts at playing Claus which begin with suspense and effort and end in mortification and disappointment. I am going to my wife downtown and let her out anything she wants within limit of my spending capacity, and I'm going to let her take me and fix me up with a pair of leather suspenders or gold cuffs or any old thing she likes and will make her happy. Neither of us quite got over the effects of the holiday season yet."

As we had been married just enough last Christmas to wear our first installment of furniture most of our wedding gifts were looking a little shabby and the house, so we both agreed in selecting our little remembrances for one another we ought to give ourselves to something which will be mutually useful and attractive. Both of us had been secretly saving for a morris chair, one of those things with big leather cushions that swallow you up in a delirium of comfort. Mrs. C. wanted it for beauty of the library and her afternoon siestas, and I wanted it for recreation.

Before the Christmas season I began putting by a little sum, with the morris chair in mind. Weeks before the 25th I went to a dealer's to look at chairs. I had been looking casually for weeks, but it was not until I came to this particular shop that I decided what I wanted. It was a chair in the darkest and finest of oak, with all attachments of fat, greenish brown leather-cushions that fairly felt like pipe leather, lined with leather strappings and to the woodwork with thongs. When I saw the chair I knew it for me, but the price was rather high. The dealer wanted \$35 for it, and when I had got him to act as though he was holding out a little, so I merely said that he give me a day's option on the chair and paid a small deposit.

Meanwhile my wife had been saving my pennies, cutting down on my bill and keeping me on cheap Christmas in view. It was then, too, had a morris chair seen. On the afternoon of the day on which I discovered my chair, she strolled into the same shop, and she offered to buy it on

the spot. The dealer was inconsolable. He had sold the chair, he believed; at least he had given a gentleman an op-



HE LIFTED HIS EYEBROWS.

tion on it, and the gentleman had paid a deposit, but if madam would leave her name something might be done.

"When my wife spelled out her cognomen for him he lifted his eyebrows in astonishment. That was exactly the name and those were the initials of the gentleman who had already spoken for the chair. My wife thought for a moment. Then she controlled her emotions and merely remarked that such coincidences were quite common and walked out without leaving her address.

"Next day I hied me to the dealer's quickly, prepared to leave my order for the chair. But the dealer did not seem half so inclined to sell. A lady had been there, it seems, a lady of my own name, with the same initials—odd, was it not?—who was willing to give the full price for the article. Then it was my turn to think. On the whole, I decided I did not want the chair after all. If Ellen wanted to buy it, I'd let her have that pleasure.

"Christmas morning we both fussed about the house expectantly. I wondered where on earth Ellen was keeping my morris chair. After breakfast I unloaded a pair of green portieres I had bought for her. As the wrappings came off I saw her face fall. Then she went over to a corner and produced an exactly similar bundle and unrolled another pair of green portieres for me.

"But," I stammered, "I thought you bought a morris chair."

"Oh, John, didn't you buy it after all?"

"And then, in the light of our understanding, we wept on one another's shoulders."—New York Press.

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THE BRIDE'S FIRST CHRISTMAS.

MR. JOHN VINCENT HARRIS entered the big department store and seated himself at the nearest counter. "No, nothing, thank you," she said to the solicitous clerk. "I just want to make sure I have my list with me. It is so difficult to shop at this time of the year, and it is always difficult to find anything for one's husband. Yes, I suppose many people did their shopping earlier, but I didn't have him then. I mean—

"Why, you sell neckties, don't you? How fortunate! They are on my list. No, I don't think of any particular kind, but something for a tall man. He is a whole head taller than— You say a four-in-hand? Oh, I am afraid he couldn't tie that, but you might give me a two-in-hand. Thank you; that is very pretty, but it is blue. He doesn't like blue. Of course you couldn't know that. Not that one. Why, my papa wears them, and he is lots older. Yes, that one will do."

"Mr. Floorwalker, where are the collars? Thank you. (She approaches the counter.) You, please—are you



THAT CLOTH ISN'T A BIT NICE.

busy? I want some collars for my husband. Oh, are these ladies' collars? How stupid! I told that man distinctly I wanted collars.

(At the right place.) "Are husbands' collars here? Well, I am glad I have found the right place at last. Size? You clerks always ask so many questions. I never bought any before, because we've been married only— No, his neck isn't very large. Why, I can reach— But he has real broad shoulders. How nice you are to think of that! Yes, a box of assorted sizes would be just the thing. Some of them would be sure to be right, and I could cut the others off—that is, if they

were not too small. You'd better put in nearly all large sizes. You see, I am starting out as economical as I can be. I think it must be so discouraging for a man to have a woman spend his money on frivolous things. Now, as I was coming down the street I saw a big sale of hats—men's hats. They had been in the window and were a little soiled, but I found such a nice clerk, and he said if I got some of that '1910' soap it would make them look like new. Mr. Harris is very particular about his clothes. He won't wear trousers unless they are pressed. So I bought three of those hats. Don't you think they will last him a long time and save money?

"Mr. Floorwalker, where are the gloves? Gentlemen's? Well, I hope he is. Why, he is my husband. Oh, I see what you mean! Yes, I want them for Mr. John Vincent Harris. (To glove salesman.) Now, don't ask me what size I want. Not too large and not too small. I should think you would learn some of the different sizes so you could tell people. (Holding out her hand.) It's lots larger than that. You think I wear a 6? Well, then, you'd better give me a 12 for him, for he can hold both my hands in one of his. Are these a special sale? Isn't 49 cents cheap for all that kid? Mine cost \$2. No, I don't think he will want more than two or three pairs. Now for the hose.

(In the women's hoseery department.) "Are you busy? I have so many other things to get, please hurry. I just want to know where the other kind of hose are. It's for my husband. Thank you. (At the men's hoseery counter.) I want to get a hose—not like these, but— The size? Oh, about fifty feet. Why, of course, I want it longer than a man. I—I—you don't understand. It isn't this kind I want. No, nor ladies' either. I just want a hose we can both use. Mr. Floorwalker, may I speak to you?

"That clerk isn't a bit nice, and I think you ought to punish him. No, he wasn't exactly impudent, but he was too busy to answer my questions. Thank you. I have had so much trouble to find the right kind of hose. I want long—no, I've been to that counter. I want one fifty feet long. You see, we are thinking of moving to the country in the spring, and we shall want to water the yard. Oh, ought I to have asked for the common garden variety?

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TEN CENTS A WEEK



BESSIE.

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WHERE is the tree?" whispered Mrs. Philander anxiously as her husband shook the snow from his coat and fully wiped his feet on the brand doormat.

"Don't get one," returned Philander.

"Don't get one! Why not, James?"

"I forgot it, Bella, until just as I got the train, and as that was the last in town I couldn't very well walk back and look up a tree. By that time the shops would all be closed."

"Walk back! Such nonsense! Of course if you haven't thought enough the children to buy them a tree"—"My dear," interpolated Philander slyly, "don't say another word. I find a tree somewhere tonight if have to rob the church of the Sunday school tree!"

He thrust his arms into his overcoat and grasped his hat, but Mrs. Philander put out a detaining hand.

"James," she said seriously, "you cannot find a tree in Rose Heights tonight. You know there is not a shop in the Heights, and where else would look for a tree?"

"I shall walk into the woods and dig one," returned Philander, with dignity. "Well, you could do that, James, but it is 11 o'clock now and there is no snow. You will lose your way."

"Nonsense!" returned Mr. Philander. "I hope I know my way around Rose Heights. I saw a very handsome pine in that strip of woods back on the Turkey Hill road. I could walk there undetected and lay my hand upon that tree," he asserted rashly.

"Very well," returned Mrs. Philander reluctantly. "I hate to have you go, James, but the children will be so disappointed. The presents are all ready, and I have been up in the attic and the basement for the tree and all the ornaments—in fact, everything is ready except the tree."

"The tree will soon be here," said Mr. Philander grimly as he jerked on his coat and turned up his coat collar. "Just bring me the spade from the woodshed, please," he added.

"A spade, James! I thought they chopped trees down. The ground is frozen."

"Of course, the ax by all means," replied Philander irritably. "He was mad with himself for having forgotten to order the tree, which was one of the necessary adjournments to the Philander Christmas. He had never for-

gotten it before. He meant to order it that morning and have it sent to his suburban home later in the day, but an important business matter had driven the remembrance of the festival from his mind until his wife's greeting when he opened the door recalled it to his attention.

He sallied forth, bearing the ax, and waded through the newly fallen snow to the corner of the street, where he turned toward Turkey Hill road. The snow was only six inches deep, and the walking was not so bad. Gray clouds hung low, and there was a thick flurry of flakes as Philander turned the corner. When he reached the strip of woods it was snowing heavily, and he could only guess at the location of the particular pine he had in mind.

He whistled cheerily as he walked along, for his spirits were rising. He felt a warm glow stealing over his tired frame as he anticipated the delight of the three small Philanders when they beheld the seifsame tree that they had so warmly admired a short while before set up in their own parlor, ablaze with candles and rich with gifts.

Mr. Philander stopped and thrashed himself vigorously with his arms. There was a faint grayness in the air that was reflected from the fallen snow, and there was the tickling rush of flakes in his eyes. When he reached the very opening in the woods where they had admired the tree he turned around and looked carefully up and down the road. Of course he could see nothing, nor was there the faintest tinkle of bells. It was a very lonely spot.

Mr. Philander knew that the strip of woods was private property, and he also knew that he could make it all right with Lake, the owner of the woods, on the following day, as Lake lived four miles away and it was impossible to ask his permission now.

Although Mr. Philander had stated that he could put his hand on the tree in the dark, he found it rather a difficult thing to do after all. He lost himself several times in the dense thickets, and all the tree trunks seemed unfamiliar to his touch. Then, all at once, he emerged from the underbrush, and spicy boughs of pine brushed his face.

"Hit it, by Jove!" he exclaimed. He dug the snow away from the trunk and with a few lusty blows laid the tree low and dragged it trailing through the snow. He lost his bearings once or twice, and finally, at a moment when he almost despaired of reaching home

How delighted the children will be. I am sorry, though, you are so tired, dear."

"Oh, I'm all right now, Bella," said Philander cheerfully. "I was worried after I found that I had forgotten the tree, but I closed out that deal with Weils today, and I was busy every moment."

"How lovely that you got the contract, James!" cried his wife excitedly. "That is a fine Christmas present for you!"

"You bet your life it is," returned Philander jocosely. "Now let us get the tree ready for the kiddies. Everything handy?"

"There isn't a thing for you to do, dear, save to hang them on the tree," said his wife, leading the way to the lighted parlor, where the tree stood, its symmetrical branches glistening in the light and exuding a fresh balsamic odor.

"By Jove, it is the handsomest tree we ever had!" exclaimed Mr. Philander, surveying the shapely conifer admiringly.

They were soon at work, and presently the beautiful tree blossomed forth in glistening festoons of gold and silver tinsel. A radiant star tipped the highest point, while daintily decorated gifts burdened the branches and were heaped at the base.

It was with unusual satisfaction that the Philanders retired that night. They were loth to leave the resplendent tree, but utter weariness drove them to bed.

It was daylight when the first delighted shriek from a small Philander awoke his tired parents. Mr. Philander groaned dismally. He ached from head to foot, and he was sick from lack of sleep. Mrs. Philander was equally tired; but, with the self-abnegation of mothers in general and mothers in particular on Christmas morning, she got up and went down stairs to enter into the joys of the happy children.

When Mr. Philander came downstairs to breakfast the children gathered about him eagerly.

"Father," asked Jack, the eldest, "is this the very tree we saw last Sunday when we walked along Turkey Hill road? Is this the very tree?"

"Who told you that, Jack?" asked Mr. Philander sharply.

"Oh, mother did. I told her I had seen it somewhere before, and she said it was that very tree."

"I fought Santy Claws brinded it!" wailed Bessie, dragging her new doll remorselessly by its flaxen hair.

"An' I finked it came that way, too!"

the tree we saw," insisted the boy obstinately.

"Never mind, never mind," returned Mr. Philander good naturedly.

He sought his wife, who was helping Norah with the breakfast. "Our tree was a great success, my dear," he said genially.

"It is beautiful," replied Mrs. Philander happily. "The children are so delighted."

"Well, I'm glad of that. I was telling Taylor yesterday morning going down on the train that Christmas was not Christmas without a tree, and he said that it wouldn't be Christmas at their house, then, for they were not going to have one."

"How strange!" uttered Mrs. Philander. "Why not, pray?"

"Oh, I don't know. He said something about hard times. He said the good, old fashioned Christmas suited them well enough; that they would hang their stockings before the fire and all that, you know."

Only knows how I got in Taylor's yard."

"It's on the other side of the woods, father," said Jack sympathetically.

"and I guess you walked right through and into Mr. Taylor's yard."

"I must have done that," groaned Mr. Philander. Then with sudden inspiration he stripped the tree of its ornaments and candles and carried it through the house into the back yard. He scratched a match, and in five minutes the Philander Christmas tree was a charred ruin.

"Too bad, old chap," said Taylor commiseratively as Philander agitatedly explained the absence of the tree. "That's one reason why I don't believe in Christmas trees. They are apt to take fire, and there you are. I am glad it happened before we arrived!"

"So am I," ejaculated Mr. Philander.

But all the little Philanders agreed that it was the most beautiful Christmas tree they ever had.

Luella's Christmas Gift.

By ROBERT DONNELL.

"IT was the funniest thing ever," said the bachelor border. "You see, Miss Luella and I are going to be married, so I can tell it. Miss Luella took a sudden fancy to hang up her stocking Christmas eve, just for the fun of it. She hung it below the mantel, setting a mouse trap on the turned over edge



JACK.

"Dear, dear! I think the children prefer a tree just the same," said Mrs. Philander regretfully. "Poor little Tommy Taylor! We must invite him over to see the children's tree this afternoon."

"Yes, indeed, that will be an excellent plan. Suppose we invite a few people to spend the evening and enjoy the tree with us. We can put on some small remembrances and have a jolly time," said Philander, warming up to the subject as he proceeded.

"That will be delightful," agreed Mrs. Philander. "Let us ask the Taylors."

"Sure, we'll ask them!" chuckled Philander. "I'll show Taylor the way to keep Christmas."

That afternoon Mrs. Philander busied herself in preparing for the evening's entertainment. The Taylors had accepted gladly, and so had the other invited guests, and Mr. Philander, who was the soul of hospitality, walked about and rubbed his hands with pleasant anticipation.

He made sundry trips to the cellar for apples and cider and cracked great bowls of nuts. He carried in huge arm loads of wood for the fireplace and surveyed the roaring blaze with complacent satisfaction.

It was at that moment that Jack Philander burst noisily in. "Oh, father, what do you think?" he began breathlessly.

"Well, my boy, what is it now?" asked Mr. Philander indulgently as he warmed his coat tails comfortably.

"I heard Mr. Taylor telling some men that somebody chopped down the tree from his front lawn last night!"

"What tree?" asked Mr. Philander absently.

"Why, that tree—you know, the Norway pine that stood on their front lawn."

"What a pity!" exclaimed Mrs. Philander. "Mrs. Taylor told me it was the pride of her husband's heart."

"How did it happen, Jack?" asked Philander, with interest.

"Mr. Taylor said his wife heard some one chopping about half past 11 last night, but she didn't think anything of it, and this morning they found the tree was gone—only the stump left."

"That's very strange," observed Mr. Philander. "Hard luck for Taylor."

"And, father," continued Jack earnestly, "I was in the woods on Turkey Hill road today and that little tree we saw last Sunday is there yet. You didn't cut it down. I knew that one wasn't it."

Mr. Philander paled slightly.

"Why, father," pursued the terrible Jack with a directness born of sudden revelation, "this is Mr. Taylor's tree! I know I'd seen it before!"

Mr. Philander shrank from their horrified gaze.

"The Taylors will be here in a few minutes, James," said Mrs. Philander coldly.

"My dear, I must have got turned around in the storm, but the Lord



I FOUND NO INTRUDER.

to hold it there. When she got up in the morning she ran to see if St. Nick had remembered her—and he had.

"When she shrieked I grabbed one of my Indian exercise clubs, wrapped a quilt around me and rushed into her room to kill the burly burglar. She was still shrieking. I looked under the bed, in the clothes closet, every-



A REAL, LIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

where, but found no intruder. I found him in the stocking.

"I drowned him—in the washbowl. Then I took advantage of the occasion to tell Miss Luella that if she actually wanted a real live Christmas present she could have me."

"If Christmas day Saturday be a great winter that year you'll see And full of winds both loud and shrill. But in summer, truth to tell, High winds shall there be and strong.

Full of tempests lasting long. While battles they shall multiply. And great plenty of beasts shall die.

They shall be strong, each one, and keen. He shall be found that stealthily aught. Though thou be sick, thou diest not."

What's in a Name?

Papa—Boys, what do you want for Christmas?

Billy—I want a hobby.

Bobby—I want a billy goat.

Papa—Suppose you swap.



DRAGGED IT TRAILING THROUGH THE SNOW.

that night, he found himself standing before his own gate.

He carried the tree around to the back door, and with Mrs. Philander's help it was taken into the house and set up in the parlor.

Mr. Philander thawed himself out in front of the kitchen stove and quaffed coffee that his grateful wife had prepared.

"It is a beauty, James," she said carefully, "the finest we ever had."

protested Robins indignantly.

"It's a Santa Claus tree, babies, and don't feel bad about it. Run away and play," said Mr. Philander reassuringly. Then he turned to Jack. "Yes, it's the very same tree, my boy," he said.

"It doesn't look like it, father," said Jack bluntly.

"Doesn't, eh? What's the matter with it?"

"It's nothing. It's fine, but it's

GAINESVILLE, —THE— University City.

Gainesville is conceded to be the most enterprising as well as the most beautiful city in the interior of Florida. It is located in the very center of the State, half way between the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, surrounded by lands of such fertility as to be capable of producing a great variety of crops; in the heart of the truck-growing, phosphate and naval stores belt. She has the best educational advantages in the State, good churches, fine edifices which are superior to any town of its size in Florida, with large and consistent congregations; has a climate which cannot be excelled for health and pleasure. All these natural advantages, combined with a progressive and enterprising cosmopolitan citizenship, are sure to make a big city.

There are many natural attractions in close proximity to the city, some of which are Alachua Sink, Paine's Prairie, the Devil's Mill Hopper, Warren's Cave, and Lake Newnan, all of which are reached by private conveyance.

Spring Park Stock Farm, the largest and finest live stock farm in the State, is only eight miles west of the city, and is reached by a good hard road, affording a most pleasant drive.

The farmers of Alachua county, of which Gainesville is the county seat, "live at home and board at the same place." The temperature is very uniform, scarcely ever reaching the nineties in summer or the twenties in winter. The population of Gainesville is about eight thousand, representing nearly every nationality on the face of the earth, and strangers always meet with a hearty welcome.

The University of Florida for young men and the National Agricultural Experiment Station are located within the corporate limits of the city. In fact, Gainesville has so many things that we must be pardoned if we omit a few of them in the following enumeration of what

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Four hotels.
Four banks.
Four dairies.
One foundry.
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Ten churches.
One gas plant.
Two tin shops.
Three bakeries.

Ten physicians.
Six fruit stores.
Two gunsmiths.
Six restaurants.
One seed store.
Board of Trade.
Six drug stores.
Four shoe shops.
State University.
Masonic Temple.
Twenty lawyers.
Two paint shops.
Four contractors.
One bicycle shop.
Baseball diamond.
Two ice factories.
Six music schools.
One variety store.
One public library.
Two wagon works.
Two planing mills.
Two racket stores.
Two lumber yards.
One marble works.
Three silversmiths.
Three wood yards.
Five dental rooms.
One express office.
Free mail delivery.
Four beef markets.
Eight barber shops.
Two public schools.
Two music houses.
A telephone system.
Two haberdasheries.
Two abstract offices.
Four pressing clubs.
Two machine shops.
Two bottling works.
Six boarding houses.
One Catholic church.
A military company.
Three jewelry stores.
One phosphate office.
One Chinese laundry.
One Christian church.
Two steam laundries.
Two Advent churches.
One daily newspaper.
Two hardware stores.
One female physician.
Fifteen grocery stores.
Five Baptist churches.
Four furniture stores.
One cold storage plant.
One weekly newspaper.
Seven dry goods stores.
One photograph gallery.
Three cold drink stands.
One electric light plant.
Three blacksmith shops.
Three railway systems.
Eight benevolent orders.
Two Episcopal churches.
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BY GERALD PRIME

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This very night they're coming home.
Their faces will appear
Once more around the Yuletide feast,
Our sons and daughters dear.
Then there'll be all the babies, too,
To jolt upon my knee
And make our big, old fashioned house
A scene of revelry.

The hemlock wreaths hang on the wall.
That spray of mistletoe
Recalls, old dear, our sparkling days,
Some fifty years ago,
When first I kissed you underneath
The bough of fateful pearls.
I seem to see you once again,
The sweetest of all girls.

The pantry shelves are loaded down
With every kind of cake
And pies of mince and pumpkin such
As only you can make.
Beyond the close shut parlor door
An angel bright and fair
Is looking down upon a tree
That stands all ready there.

Put up your knitting, mother, dear.
The tinkle of the bells
Across the snow clad upper road
In welcome warning swells,
for here are Dick and Jack and Jess
And Molly, Tom and Sue
And all the merry, dimpled, cute,
Mischiefous youngsters too!

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Having arranged this business with
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ten years:

Case is double veneered inside and
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ple, well finished; outside with beau-
tiful mahogany. Semi-colonial in style,
with pilasters and trusses to match
its appearance. Full empire top with
drop molding.

Cheeks and toe blocks built up of
many thicknesses to insure absolute
stability in wear. Case is equipped
with compounded key bottom to in-
sure stability and uniformity of touch.
Back is made of quarter sawed rock
maple, consisting of six posts.

The sounding board is of California
spruce, cross ribs of the same ma-
terial, running at right angles of
ounding board from corner to corner
of the entire width of the sounding
board area.

Treble and bass bridges laminated
and built up of many thicknesses of
the choicest quarter sawed maple,
pin block laminated and built up of
five different layers of wood, insuring
absolute stability of instrument to
stand in tone. Imported German tun-
ing pins and strings, double repeating
wood flange action, splendidly regu-
lated, and 13 pound hammers of the
choicest material; white mass strings;
ivory keys of a splendid quality of
ivory; noiseless trap work and three
pedals.

The iron plate of this piano is ex-

tra heavy reinforced and of the best
bell metal, plate is finished in dark
olive green. Guarantee is cast in top
of plate. This piano is equipped with
double wheel castors.

We will give one vote for each pen-
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we will allow 5 votes on each or the
amount stated thereon. Our first ad.
will allow anyone entering the race
100 votes. The only ballot box will
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Manufacturer in Cincinnati, Ohio,
from whom the Piano for this contest
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1. The contest is open to anyone living in Alachua county who is known by the conductor of the contest or vouches for by some reputable person, to them well known.
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Make this Store Your Christmas Headquarters

Below we quote from our immense stock items suitable to each member of the family at prices that will mean a saving to you. Read them and make your selections easy.

What Would They Like?



For Mother and Grandmother....

Nothing more appropriate to please mother or grandmother than a nice tailored suit. We are showing a big assortment for Holiday trade at \$12.50, \$15, \$25, \$32.50, \$35 and up
Skirts \$2.98 to \$15.00
Waists 98 to 15.00
Silk Petticoats. 3.98 to 12.50
Fancy Towels, 25c to \$1.25 each.
Fancy linen pieces of all kinds



For Sister

Fancy neckwear	25c and up
Silk hose, black and colors	\$1.25
Fancy Kimonas	\$1 to \$12.50
Kid Gloves	.75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50
Handkerchiefs, beautiful in every detail	5c to \$2.50
Fancy Jewelry	Fancy Hat Pins
Fancy Aprons	25c to 98c

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Warm mittens 15c and up
Leggins, white and colored 25 and 50c
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Small dolls.
Fancy boxes.

Fancy China Pieces

Dainty fancy work. All the novelties that go to make up a complete Holiday display.
You are asked to make this store headquarters. Come and go as much as you like—join the merry throng and be happy.

Fancy Holiday Goods

A grand display of Fancy Goods, both useful and ornamental

Everything selected with the greatest care and marked at the usual Dry Goods profit. All on the first floor and for your approval.

Come Early Come Often

For Father and Grandfather....

Fine Dress Shirts, we are showing a beautiful line at	\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2
Fancy vests	\$1.25 and up
Fancy suspenders	25c and up
Fancy neckwear	25 and 50c
Socks	10, 15, 25 and 50c
Handkerchiefs	10c and up
Beautiful initial handkerchiefs	10, 15 and 25c
Bath Robes, good and warm.	
Umbrellas	\$1 to \$3.50
Good warm underwear	39c and up

Shop With us and be Satisfied.

For Brother

Fancy vest Neckwear Handkerchiefs
Fancy sox Umbrellas Suspenders
Hundreds of desirable articles from which to choose.

Handkerchiefs

Our line is complete from the inexpensive to the more elaborate lace ones.

As good values as were ever shown in the city. See the good values we offer at 10, 15, 25 and 50c
Initial handkerchiefs 10, 15 and 25c

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Our display far exceeds in looks and low prices any shown in the city. Faces are perfect.

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Bring the children to see them.

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WILSON CO.

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We Strive Hard to Please Every Customer we Have. We Endeavor by all Honorable Means to Secure More. We intend if Possible to Make the Hyde Co. one of the Largest Businesses of the State and we Reasonably think we can

NO ONE DOUBTS or disputes the fact that we enjoy unusual advantages in the purchasing of our merchandise. We take advantage of every opportunity to purchase our merchandise direct from the largest mills. WE OPERATE FOUR OF THE LARGEST STORES IN FLORIDA and a large warehouse of four floors with headquarters in Jacksonville as a central shipping point and save one-third on freights alone by this method. EVERY STORE WE OPERATE IS ACTIVE AND DOES A MAGNIFICENT BUSINESS--DO WE NOT OPENLY SHOW YOU THE TRUE FACTS WHY WE CAN UNDERSELL all other stores? We virtually retail our fine merchandise at wholesale prices. We have it to do to move the large quantities of goods we must buy to buy from the mills direct.

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The Hyde Company store will show you during this Ten Days' Christmas sale the most startling values ever shown in our store, in the State or South. Trade early in the day and early in the week--the satisfaction of early, deliberate shopping comes to those who trade early, and to the merchant who can serve his customers well when full attention can be given. Thousands of dollars of the best merchandise manufactured will be sold during this grand Christmas closing sale.

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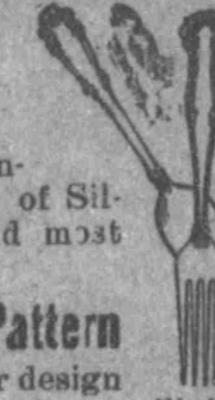
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we have an exceptionally fine Holiday display of Silverware. The latest and most popular styles including Gorhams Chantilly Pattern which is the most popular design sold. All goods bought of us will be engraved free of charge.



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Nothing more appropriate for Holiday Gifts than Cut Glass or China. We have new patterns and designs, and prices will surprise you. We handle only HAWKE'S and LIBBY'S Cut Glass.

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All kinds and sizes of rings. No matter how much you can spend on a ring, you can spend it to best purpose with us.

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The New York Racket

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A magnificent line of Holiday Goods and Toys of every description. Come in and make your purchases and make the little folks and big folks happy Xmas. Remember we have a large line of all kinds of merchandise suitable for the Holidays. A strong line of Men's Clothing, Hats and Shoes at right prices. Our Furniture department is running over with good things.—see the line on second floor. Come to the city and make our store your headquarters on all occasions all the time.

THE NEW YORK RACKET.

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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

PLAN DEVELOPMENT OF ALACHUA COUNTY

Track of Fertile Lands Placed on the Market---To
Conduct Extensive Advertising Campaign.

The Times-Union of last Tuesday contained the following interesting interview with J. D. Stringfellow, president of the Gainesville Development Company:

The fact that Alachua county possesses money-making opportunities from an agricultural and horticultural viewpoint is unquestionable. We have the land and the possibilities and are only deficient in the matter of proper settlement to bring about the development of this most favored section of Florida so richly deserves.

The past score or more years I have engaged in agricultural pursuits and my success with my farming ventures entitles me to the right to talk from the standpoints of a practical farmer. I have marveled at the possibilities of the soil of the lands in Alachua, and wondered at the apparently slow and unsteady spread of appreciation of the worth of the great advantages we lay claim to.

The major portion of the lands of Alachua county are especially adapted to the growing of such high-grade vegetables as command the greatest marketable value. It is the kind of land that produces the very best results, trucking or general farming, moderate or intensive farming.

Can Grow Almost Anything.

On these lands, with the proper application of attention, one is enabled to grow as much if not more per acre than elsewhere in the State. Lettuce, celery, cabbage, potatoes, strawberries, cantaloupes, watermelons and other high-grade vegetables may be produced in profusion with a remarkably small amount of fertilizer. Of the horticultural crops, oranges, plums, peaches, grapes, mangos, and other species of the fruit tree and produce in great quantities. An unparalleled advantage of the tract lies in the fact that irrigation may be installed and maintained, if desired, at a small cost. Almost anywhere in the county, and especially on lands belonging to our company, it is enabled to dig a well to a depth of twenty feet and secure a water

supply adequate to the demands of a vast acreage. I have never found it necessary to dig to a depth exceeding twenty feet. At this depth the water rises to a height of within six feet of the surface of the ground, and the results are most satisfactory and advantageous.

Prompted by a desire to see these fertile lands, which have laid so long dormant for the want of sufficient appreciation of their true value, I have associated myself with a company which proposes to place a certain tract of the richest lands in Alachua county in the market for colonization purposes. I have given this subject my earnest consideration, and I confidently feel that once the merits of this garden spot of Florida are brought to the attention of the outside world there will be no hesitancy in acquiring an opportunity to share in the possibilities Alachua county offers.

Close to Gainesville.

This fine tract we are placing in the market is situated between Gainesville, the county seat of Alachua and one of the largest and most prosperous of the Florida cities, and Newman's lake, adjacent to which is some of the most picturesque country property in all Florida. From Gainesville to Newman's lake, throughout the tract, is soon to be constructed a hard-surfaced public highway. This paved road will be five or more miles in length and is within a very short distance from any point on our tract. The advantages of such a road will be readily seen, making possible as it will the transportation of all products of the soil and from field to market or shipping terminals by hard-surfaced route. It may be well to mention that this tract begins within a mile from the city limits of Gainesville, and the distance to the city could be easily walked within a few minutes from any part of the tract.

It is the sole desire of our company to induce the highest type of settlers to buy and locate here. The proposition that we have is of the highest order. We have the right

kind of land and the one and only need is proper development.

Following up this interview The Times-Union reporter has the following to say of his accord:

Large, flourishing farms in the vicinity of Gainesville demonstrate that the fertility of the soil for growing lettuce, celery and the other choice vegetables of greater marketable value. The climate conditions are most favorable to these crops. Several crops can be grown on the same land the same year, and the yield is enormous, producing for the tiller a revenue that could scarcely be equaled by any other lands in the country, excepting those lowlands which have been enriched by certain fertilizing deposits discharged there by friendly waters.

Some Advantages.

One big advantage in favor of the lands of this company lies in the fact that they are high and dry. Another advantage is the close proximity with Gainesville, a ready market. Being connected by two quick means of transportation, the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line, Jacksonville is another ready market for the products of the soil in Alachua county.

Made possible by the granting of a right-of-way over the lands of this company, the county of Alachua is now having the ground broken for the construction of a hard-surfaced highway connecting Gainesville with Newman's lake, a distance of five and half miles. This paved road will run directly through the lands of this company and will offer to those who have acquired farms on the tract to transport their farming products in a most convenient manner to market or shipping points.

Gainesville's market is always open to receive fresh country products. Gainesville is one of the largest and most modern of the Florida cities, and numbers among her population a greater percentage of prosperous and well-to-do people than possibly any other city of the same size in the South.

What an Acre Produces.

There are two large hotels, both of which are usually well filled with happy guests. The newest and largest of these hotels is the White House, owned and operated by Major W. R. Thomas, one of the leading bankers of the city. An acre of ground in the rear of Major Thomas' elegant residence supplies his hotel with choice vegetable products, and the table that is set by the White House has won for itself fame abroad.

At Gainesville is located the University of Florida. Several years ago the State appointed a board to determine upon the healthiest and most advantageous location for a State university and the result was that Gainesville was selected. In this institution may be found several hundred healthy looking young men pursuing courses in the higher educational branches. Splendidly equipped, the institution is one of the best in the country.

A new Government building to contain the postoffice, United States land office, which has for years been located in Gainesville, and Federal Court rooms, is in process of construction.

Gainesville is brilliantly lighted by electricity, is well policed and maintains a well equipped fire department. It has a complete and up-to-date system of sewerage, as well as a water works system.

The transportation facilities to all points in the State could not be improved upon.

To Issue 50,000 Booklets.

Getting back to the Gainesville Development Company, it may be of interest to the public to learn that the concern will issue about January 1, 50,000 booklets containing valuable information concerning Alachua county. The descriptive matter contained in these booklets will be thoroughly interesting and will offer much valuable information to prospective

A GREAT CELEBRATION TO BE HELD IN TAMPA

In Commemoration of the Beginning of Work on the Panama Canal---Program Being Arranged.

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 15.—Tampa, from February 12th to 22nd, will be the scene of one of the most novel and brilliant celebrations ever held anywhere in America, the celebration being arranged in commemoration of the beginning of work on the Panama Canal, the operation of which will bring greater benefit to Tampa than to any other port in the country, the South Florida metropolis being nearer the canal than any other port reached by large railway systems. Colon, Panama, via Tampa, is eighteen hours nearer Washington than it is via New Orleans, which illustrates Tampa's importance as a naval base and export to South America and countries of the Orient.

The celebration, which was endorsed by Congressional resolution in 1906, will include features that will thoroughly entertain visitors from all sections. The railroads, although the tourist season will be on in full blast, will grant low rates from points in the State and throughout the Union, realizing the importance of the occasion, and plans for caring for the

visitors are already being made. Among the features of entertainment and instruction will be twenty-five conventions, several of which are of international importance; the first flying machine races ever seen in the South, for which purses amounting to \$22,500 have been offered; racing by the fastest motor boats in the world, also automobile races; athletic contests between both professional and amateurs; mimic fantastic and commercial parades, and other events to be announced later. President Taft, by order of Congress, will have a naval review held in Tampa Bay and army maneuvers held on land. Many distinguished Americans and foreigners will visit the city, among these being Right Honorable James Bryce, British Ambassador; General Fred Grant, Commander in Chief of the United States Army; "Private" John Allen, the famous Mississippi Congressman; Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, leader of the Woman's Suffrage movement in America, and many others of equal note. The program will include features in which residents of every section can participate.

Honored Army Officer Is Proven a Petty Thief

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Capt. Thomas Franklin, United States army, twice commanded by Gen. Chaffee and Gen. Otis for distinguished service in China and at Manila, pleaded guilty to a long series of petty embezzlements from the mess fund of the West Point cadets, as commissary and treasurer of the United States military academy, and was sentenced by Judge Hand, in the United States Circuit Court, to two years and six months in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga. His counsel gave notice that he would apply for a writ of error and review.

As commissary and treasurer, Capt. Franklin had charge of the pay checks of the cadets which he deposited in the United States sub-treasury in this city, and drew against for mess supplies. The total amount of his defalcations ran to \$6,650, of which \$4,831 was represented by false vouchers.

presented for approval to the superintendent of the United States military academy. At his first arraignment in last June he pleaded not guilty and subsequently demurred. The demurers were overruled and trial set for yesterday. The statute of limitations in the court martial bars offenses committed only two years back as against three years in the Federal courts, and for this reason Judge Hand and not Major-General Wood heard the case.

Capt. T. S. Ansell argued for the prisoner that his client had risen from the rank by merit and that his irregularities were chargeable to his effort to raise a large family on an officer's pay.

The sentence, besides the penalty it sets, automatically cashiered Capt. Franklin from the army and deprives his family of any prospects of a retirement pension.

Good Character Is Given Sugar Fraud Defendants

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Men of standing in the witness chair yesterday gave certificates of good character to the six former employees of the American Sugar Refining Company, on trial for alleged conspiracy to defraud, and James F. Fernagel made a long statement in his defense.

Fernagel said that he had never had anything to do with the unloading or weighing of sugar. He did not remember paying out money to custom inspectors, although he frequently had to hand them presents enclosed in envelopes. He denied ever having done anything to defraud the Government.

The sugar trust by false weighing was small, in the 500 weighing frauds, it reached 100 per cent," declared Assistant United States Attorney Buckner yesterday at the opening of the trial of Joseph McMahon, an assistant customs weigher, in the criminal branch of the United States Circuit Court.

McMahon is charged with the false weighing of a cargo of figs brought here from Greece on the steamer Clara, in December, 1906. Eustathios Papavasiliou, a fig importer, indicted with McMahon, failed to appear and his \$2,000 cash bail was declared forfeited.

Zelaya Reported to Have Massacred Revolutionists

NANAGUA, Dec. 15.—The people of Nanagua are in open revolt against Zelaya, without check from the police, are crowding the streets and giving vent to unrestrained denunciation of the administration. Shouts of "Long live liberty," "long live the United States," "long live Mexico," "long live Estrada," are heard on every

street. Demonstrations began last night, following denunciatory speeches in Congress, and the temper of the people was madly excited by report that a battle had been fought and won by Vasquez, commander of the Zelayan forces around

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minister was the guarantor of the armistice, it is stated that that official will ask for his passport unless satisfactory explanations are made.

The whole country is in a ferment. Zelaya is denounced on every hand, but he is master of the situation, and the people fear a wholesale execution of political prisoners as a parting shot.

The prisons are full of men, most of whom are in a half starved condition and doubtless would welcome death.

The people openly demand American intervention and vigilantes have been organized to prevent the escape of the President.

A serious danger threatens, for the American concessionaire of the electric lighting declares that he will put the whole city in darkness if money due to a large amount, is not paid before noon today. This bill amounts to 100,000 pesos, and it is hardly likely that the demand will be met.

To Prevent Zelaya's Escape.

With this report came the additional news that Vasquez had visited

the American vice consul, Henry

IMPORTANT MATTER TO FLORIDA GROWERS

COMMISSION WILL HOLD FINAL
HEARING NEXT MONDAY

In Jacksonville in Matter of Request
for Reduced Rates on Carload
Lots to Eastern Points.

On Monday, December 20th, the Interstate Commerce Commission will hold a final hearing in the matter of the request for reduced rates on carload lots of fruits and vegetables from Florida to Eastern points. This proceeding was instituted by the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association, of which F. D. Warner is president, and several hearings have been held in Jacksonville and Washington.

There is no doubt that Florida growers are greatly discriminated against in this matter, and it is hoped that every person interested will take the time to attend this final hearing of the case, when it is hoped an order will be issued requiring the transportation companies to give a more equitable rate. Commissioner Prouty will conduct the hearing.

The Commission advises that all parties to the complaint will be expected to complete their proofs and submit the case at this hearing. This complaint appeals to all growers, buyers and shippers who are interested in the Florida fruit and vegetable industries, and their co-operation and support is invited and expected. All farmers and truck growers should make it a point to attend this hearing, as their presence will lend great weight to the effort being made for lower rates, which will mean thousands of dollars to Florida growers. The hearing will be held in the United States court room, Jacksonville, on December 20th.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Hold Meeting at Presbyterian Church
on Monday Afternoon.

From Tuesday's Daily Sun:

All members of the Ministerial Association who are present in the city held their regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church, when officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Rev. T. P. Hay was again selected as president, with Dr. F. Prescott Bullock as secretary. Among other business Dr. A. A. Murphree was elected a member of the association and the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That we, members of the Ministerial Association, on behalf of the Charity Association of the city, and in the interest of the proper distribution of aid, agree to select such time as we think most proper and request the members of our congregations to refrain from giving indiscriminately to those who solicit aid, but to send such persons to the Charity Association for investigation, and to place their contributions for such purposes with the Charity Association."

The next regular meeting will be held at the Baptist church study on January 3, at 8:30 p. m.

Constipation causes headache, nausea, dizziness, languor, heart palpitation. Drastic physics gripe, sicken, weaken the bowels and don't cure. Doan's Regulets act gently and cure constipation. 25 cents. Ask your druggist.

A Quiet Marriage.

From Tuesday's Daily Sun:

A very quiet marriage was solemnized at the Presbyterian manse in this city on November 21st, when Mr. Leon D. Jernigan was married to Miss Mitie Simms. The affair has been kept very quiet for sometime, only the most intimate friends being acquainted with the information.

Allen's Lung Balsam

Contains no Opium.

Is the one Safe and Effective
Cough Remedy for general
family use.

BABY'S PITIFUL CASE OF ECZEMA

Summer Rash Became a Dreadful Itching Humor—Big Blisters Formed and Skin Grew as Hard and Rough as Bark—Scratched and Tore Flesh till Blood Ran.

ALMOST MAGIC CURE BY CUTICURA REMEDIES

"Our son, two years old, was very much afflicted with a breaking out or what looked to be a summer rash. I applied the usual remedies, such as washing with soda water and powdering with boric acid. Finally, after he suffered with the trouble several weeks I took him to the doctor. He said it was merely a rash that was quite prevalent, and that I was giving the right treatment and that I should just continue it and the baby would soon be all right. But instead of getting better it was getting worse. The rash ran together and made large blisters. The little fellow didn't want to do anything but scratch and we had to wrap his hands up to keep him from it as he would tear the flesh open till the blood would run. The itching was intense, causing loss of appetite and flesh. When it seemed to hurt him most the skin on his back became hard and rough like the bark of a tree so that rubbing or brushing would not break it. He was so feverish that I thought it a bad case of eczema. He could not wear any clothes but a little nightgown with the sleeves just fastened at the top of the shoulder. He suffered intensely for about three months. But I found a remedy in Cuticura Soap for bathing and Cuticura Ointment with which I anointed the sore places. This kept the rash from spreading and in less than a week the result was almost magical. That was more than two years ago and there has not been the slightest symptom of it since he was cured. I am never very long without Cuticura Soap as my family knows the value of it and don't like a substitute. J. W. Lauck, Yukon, Okla., Aug. 28 and Sept. 17, '08."

Millions of women throughout the world use Cuticura Soap and Ointment for eczemas, rashes, itchings, irritations, inflammations, chafings, pimples, blackheads, dandruff, dry, thin and falling hair, sanative, antiseptic cleansing, and for all the purposes of the toilet, bath and nursery.

Cuticura remedies are sold throughout the world. Potter, Dr. & Co., Corp., Sole Prop., 125 Columbia St., Boston, Mass. Mailed Free. Cuticura Book on Skin Diseases

HOME TALENT WILL HAVE GOOD MINSTREL

TO BE PRESENTED FOR BENEFIT OF POOR OF CITY.

Gainesville Dramatic Club Will Place
Good Show on at the New
Baird During Next Week.

Gainesville is to have a minstrel production in the next few weeks by all home talent, the proceeds from which are to be donated to a most worthy cause.

J. Fletcher Burnett and a number of others of the Gainesville amateurs have formed themselves into a Dramatic Club and have been hard at work for the past several weeks rehearsing for this performance, which they state will eclipse all former attempts of home entertainments.

The proceeds of the performance will be turned over to Rev. S. B. Rogers to be distributed among the poor of the city on Christmas.

The performance will be presented at the New Baird Theatre on December 21st, and after the advertising bills and other expenses are paid it is thought that quite a neat sum will be realized for this purpose by the members of the Dramatic Club.

The entire list of the performers, together with the big first part of the minstrel, will be given to the public within a few days, and a great treat is anticipated for all who attend the show. The jokes are all local, and this will further add to the popularity of the performance.

Help the Cemetery Association.

The Gainesville Furniture Company has kindly agreed to donate twenty per cent of all sales on December 23rd to aid in constructing the rock road in Evergreen cemetery, and the ladies of the Association would therefore appreciate a liberal patronage of the Gainesville Furniture Company on that date. This gives you an opportunity to aid a worthy cause and purchase your Christmas goods as cheap as they can be obtained elsewhere. Remember the date, December 23.

MRS. H. H. McCREARY,
Pres. Evergreen Cemetery Ass'n.

KNIGHTS HAVE DIS- TINGUISHED VISITOR

GRAND CHANCELLOR HERE ON
OFFICIAL VISIT TO LODGE.

Following an Informal Reception at
Castle Hall, Lodge Dined at
the Advent Supper.

From Wednesday's Daily Sun:

Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 20, K. of P., was honored last night by a most distinguished visitor in the person of Hon. Clay Crawford, who holds the high position of Grand Chancellor for the order of this State.

It was late in the afternoon when members of the order were informed that he would be with them at last night's meeting, but quite a number of the lodge's most prominent workers were soon assembled together and met the train in a body to welcome the distinguished visitor.

Following a general good time at the meeting, the session adjourned, and the entire lodge membership present visited the Masonic Temple, where the ladies of the Advent church were serving a sumptuous supper, and the evening's pleasure closed with a neat spread.

While in the city Mr. Crawford is the guest of his cousin, Mrs. W. H. Davis, on West Mechanic street. For the past several days he has been visiting various lodges of the State and was present at a grand banquet and general good time held by the Ocala Knights on Monday evening.

Besides the high position Mr. Crawford holds in the K. of P., he would be royally entertained by his numerous friends in Gainesville, who are always glad to greet him.

BONNIE MELROSE.

MELROSE, Dec. 13.—Friends are extending congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Z. Barr on the arrival of a fine baby boy on December 9th.

The tax books of the town of Melrose for 1909 are now open.

C. C. Voyle of the Long Distance Telephone Company, Gainesville, was in town recently, making the trip via Rochelle in 90 minutes with a Ford car.

E. Shoup of Lima, Ohio, has purchased the H. Pugh place on Ingleside avenue, and is having it cleaned up.

Melrose Lodge No. 89, F. and A. M., met in special communication on Friday night to confer the F. C. degree.

Melrose Camp No. 176, W. O. W., at their recent meeting elected the following officers: O. C. Husband, P. C. C.; T. A. Torley, C. C.; A. W. Craig, A. L.; S. Coward, B.; L. M. Baldwin, clerk; H. Jackson, escort; J. Robertson, watchman; T. A. Birt, sentry.

A JOYFUL PASTIME.

It's Really a Pleasure to Cure Catarrh by Breathing Hyomei.

It isn't a pleasure to saturate your stomach with vile nostrums or to shock the tender membrane of the nose and throat with disagreeable sprays and douches.

But strange to say there are a few thousand people who do not keep abreast of the times who are hoping against hope that these ancient methods will rid them of catarrh.

If the readers of The Sun who suffer from catarrh want to banish this vile and disgusting disease forever go to J. W. McCollum & Co. today and get a complete Hyomei (pronounced High-o-me) outfit for \$1.00.

If it doesn't cure it won't cost you a cent because they will give you your money back.

Hyomei is so simple and pleasant to use; pour a few drops from the bottle into the inhaler and breathe it in. As it passes over the membrane and into the lungs with the air you breathe it soothes the raw membrane and kills the catarrh germs. Don't experiment longer. Leading druggists everywhere sell Hyomei for catarrh, coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc. Drop a postal for our free book, Booth's Famous People, Booth's Hyomei Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

MI-O-NA Cures Indigestion

It relieves stomach indigestion, sour stomach, belching, and cures all stomach diseases or nervous trouble. Large bottles at 50c.

MRS. H. H. McCREARY,

Pres. Evergreen Cemetery Ass'n.



Ballard's Snow Liniment

Positively Cures

Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lame Back, Old Sores, Wounds, Sprains, Bruises, etc. Give it a Trial and be Convinced. Three Sizes, Price 25, 50c and \$1.00

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Spend less than you earn, save the

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YOUR Savings Account

Serves you in more than one way. It is a reserve for times of want and misfortune. It is capital to use when you see a good business opportunity. All the time your money is in this bank, it earns you FOUR PER CENT INTEREST. We invite your account, small or large.

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By the gallon..... \$1.25
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By the gallon..... \$1.00
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JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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WILL MAKE FURTHER FIGHT FOR SERVICE

MORE FUNDS RAISED BY MICANOPY PEOPLE.

Are a Determined Set, and Will Ask the Railroad Commission Take Steps to Assist Them.

Dr. J. D. Watkins and C. E. Melton formed a party of prominent Micanopy citizens who were visitors to the city Monday.

The former stated that they were still alive and active as regards Coast Line trains Nos. 9 and 10, and that as soon as a hearing could be had by the Railroad Commission they would see that some changes in the present service was given Micanopy and the citizens of that section.

Owing to the absence of two of the committee, who are working in connection with Dr. Watkins, they have been delayed somewhat in making up their data concerning the schedule, but they state that everything has now been completed and they hope to be ready for some action within a very short while.

They will make their claims direct to the Railroad Commission, and in the event that body cannot do anything, something else will follow that will not be very pleasing to the Atlantic Coast Line officials, so the members of this committee state, for they are tired of being handled as they have been in the past.

At a recent meeting of the citizens of that thriving little city they subscribed a most liberal amount to secure a better train and mail service for that section, and the funds now available is only a small amount of what they will spend if necessary to get a better service.

Some relief is promised by the T. & J. Railway Company within a short while, or as soon as some necessary improvements can be made in the roadway, but as this is some time off they are working hard for a better service over the Coast Line.

Fort Meade has found an effective way to check the vagrant hog nuisance. Under the new ordinance when the porkers are allowed to run at large about the streets and yards of that city they are driven into the city pound and sold to the butcher at a dollar a head.

THIS WILL INTEREST MOTHERS

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, a certain relief for feverishness, headache, bad stomach, teething disorders, move and regulate the bowels and destroy worms. They break up colds in 24 hours. They are so pleasant to the taste and harmless as milk. Children like them. Over 10,000 testimonials of cures. They never fail. Sold by all druggists. 25c. Ask today. Don't accept any substitute.

CHRISTMAS At COLES'

The Latest NOVELTIES

Take "Time by the Forelock" and secure the best things while you can, or have them reserved by paying 25 per cent to secure the purchase.

No charge for engraving of goods bought of us.

Mail Orders Quickly and Promptly Filled.

C. H. Coles & Son
Jewelers and Opticians
Gainesville

COMPLETES THE CANVASS.

Superintendent Holloway Feels Grati-fied at the Results.

State Superintendent W. M. Holloway, who has been in the city for the past two days, departed yesterday for Stark, where he will assist in the closing exercises of the State campaign which has been on for the past few months for higher and better education.

He states that the speakers have traveled all over the State and addressed audiences in all the counties but four. Speeches were made on an average of four places in the county, which shows that a most thorough canvass has been made.

Following the Christmas holidays the remaining counties will be taken up and worked the same as the others, and judging from the general appearance it seems that the movement has met with great favor and much good will result from the efforts of the workers.

OTIS T. GREEN DIED IN OCALA MONDAY.

OCALA, Dec. 14.—Mr. Otis T. Green, a prominent and well-known attorney of this city, passed away shortly after noon yesterday. Deceased had only been ill a few days, his condition not being considered serious until Sunday morning. Death was caused by Bright's disease.

Mr. Green was born in Attica, Ind., in 1863 and came to this section during the year 1882 and embarked in the orange business. He was admitted to the bar in 1884 and was elected mayor of Ocala in 1892.

He was married in 1887 to Emily, the oldest daughter of Col. Edward Badger, who, with two children, Edward and Otis, Jr., survive him.

The deepest sympathy is extended to the family in their sad bereavement. The funeral was held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Death of Rubie Lee Floyd.

Little Rubie Lee Floyd, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Wetherington, died last Tuesday evening at 10:40 o'clock after several days' suffering from a fire burn which occurred on December 1st. Dr. J. L. Cloud was at once summoned and did all that was in his power to restore the child back to health, but all the Doctor and friends could do was of no avail, and she died December 7th, leaving to mourn her death her mother, step-father and little sister, besides relatives and friends. Her remains were laid to rest Wednesday afternoon in the Forest Grove cemetery, by the side of her father, whose death occurred about a year ago. Rev. Taylor of High Springs conducting the funeral services. The family have the sympathy of their many friends in the sad hour of their bereavement. May the good Lord be with them through this sad hour of bereavement.

A FRIEND.

Alachua, Dec. 13, 1909.

A Hearty Appetite

Is what most babies have, but is of no benefit to them if they have worms. Be sure your baby is not troubled with them. Sure symptoms—always hungry, rings under the eyes, not gaining in weight and yellow complexion. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge will expel all worms. It is a positive cure and reliable. Price 25 cents per bottle. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

The best place to buy your goods is at the store which invites you to come through as ad. is The Sun. Never can tell when you'll smash a finger or suffer a cut, bruise, burn or scald. Be prepared. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil instantly relieves the pain—quickly cures the wound.

J. MAXEY DELL

Will Run for Tax Assessor at Coming Primary.

To the Voters of Alachua County:

I address you this letter, thus far in advance, because no one has felt more keenly than myself the unfavorable result of delay. The most of you know me personally, and a simple announcement to such would suffice, but there are others who need to be informed as to my competency, to fill what seems to me to be one of the most important offices in the county. I refer to that of tax assessor.

I have worked for ten years in the United States land office getting up information of every character for the State of Florida. I have acquired a knowledge of land which is indispensable in making up a tax roll, as all lands, homestead or other entries, become a matter of record here. And I call your attention to the trouble

that has been given our people by placing on the tax books land the title of which was still in the Government, causing unnecessary expense.

Since I have been in this office there has been frequent inquiries as to date of final proof made on homestead entries, and in nearly every instance, the sale was void, the land being assessed before proof was made, bringing unnecessary trouble to our people.

Again this office should be filled by one who is familiar with the lands and their value, being able to equalize the valuation on same.

I believe I know this as well as any man in the county, having been born and raised here, and making constant trips of the county for various purposes.

At my age the close confinement to the work I have been doing is getting more laborious daily, and keeps me from mingling with the people, which is so different from my natural inclination.

I hope that you will see that it's for the best interest of our county, and honor me with your vote for Tax Assessor, and in token of my appreciation I will make you the most faithful and impartial officer I know how. Most respectfully,

J. MAXEY DELL.

TO ADVERTISE THE CITY.

Movement on Foot to Complete Book for Distribution.

There is now a movement on foot to raise the necessary funds for the completion of the industrial book started some months since by the Gainesville and Gulf Railway Company, and which has assumed some shape.

It is understood that the railway company have given the work already to the city free of charge, if they will take it up and complete the publication of "Florida Fruits and Flowers."

The magazine is gotten up in nice shape and some thirty odd pages have been printed, but owing to a change in the management of the road the work was stopped, and there the matter has rested.

Interested ones are now trying to raise the necessary amount for its completion by private subscription.

The Correct Time

To stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for sometime the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

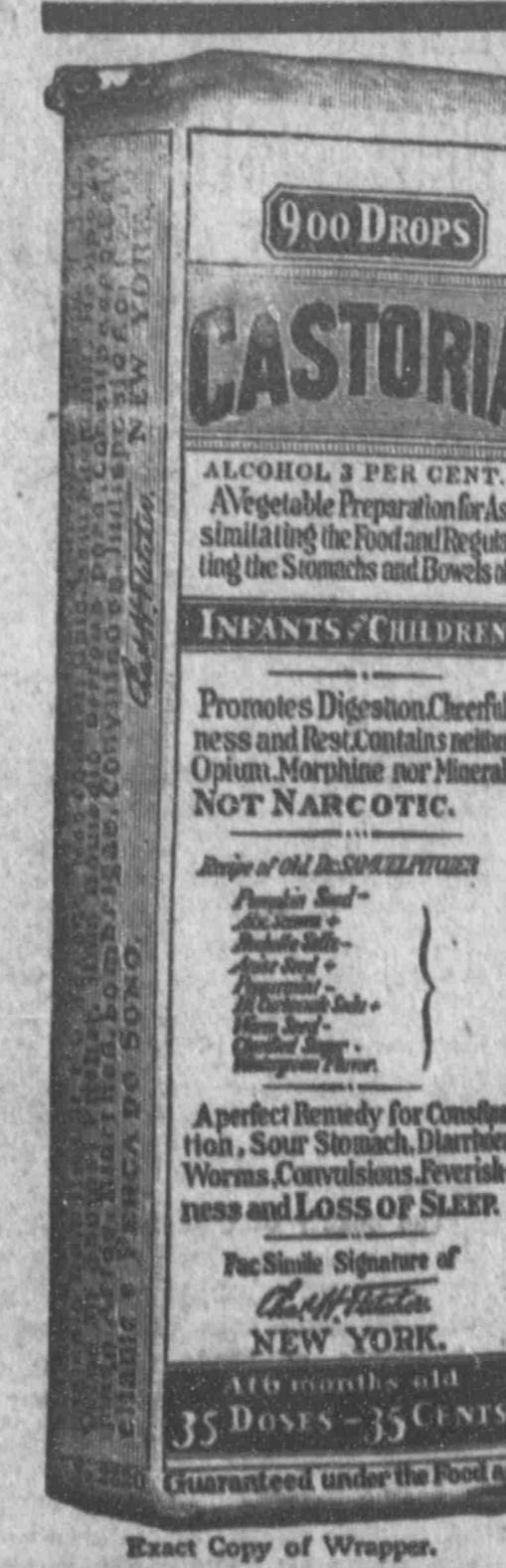
At one time during last month about sixty people were employed in the orange picking and packing business in Titusville, and as high as a thousand boxes of oranges per day were packed for shipment.

Don't Be Hopeless

About yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

The East Coast Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association held their annual meeting in West Palm Beach. C. A. Robinson was elected president.

Never can tell when you'll smash a finger or suffer a cut, bruise, burn or scald. Be prepared. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil instantly relieves the pain—quickly cures the wound.



CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of

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CASTORIA
THE GENTOUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

WOMAN RAISED ROW.

Policeman Owens Required a Cash Bond Which Was Forfeited.

An unknown negro woman created considerable excitement at the carnival shows on Monday night by trying to "wallop" her husband. She had not proceeded at her beating long before special Officer Manning appeared on the scene and arrested her, turning her over to Officer Owens, who required a cash bond of \$5, which was forfeited on Tuesday morning.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to publicly thank the good people of Alachua for their kindness to us during the short illness of our little daughter, Rubie, and

especially to Dr. Cloud, who did all that medical aid could render. May God's richest blessings rest upon them all, is the wish of MR. and MRS. C. K. WETHERINGTON.

Her Heart Was Broken

Because her complexion was bad and she could find nothing to clear it up. Ladies—a bad complexion is caused by an inactive liver. An inactive liver will be put in perfect condition by taking Ballard's Herbine. The unequalled liver regulator. Sold by V. M. Johnson.

One who lives in a furnished room can be pretty "independent"—for the ads. keep the best to be had within its reach.

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4 full quarts \$ 5.00
6 full quarts 7.00
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4 full quarts \$ 3.20
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12 full quarts 9.00

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4 full quarts \$ 4.20
6 full quarts 6.00
12 full quarts 12.00

Gunny South Rye.

4 full quarts \$ 2.75
6 full quarts 4.00
12 full quarts 8.00
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4 Bottles, express paid \$ 5.40
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Bottled in bond by the U. S. Gov't.

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One grade only and jug, ex paid... \$4.50
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Old Homestead Corn Whiskey.

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Sold only by drum; will not break drum.

Corn Whiskey—Express Paid.

Rocky Fork, per bottle, ex. paid. \$ 1.40

Rocky Fork, per case, ex. paid. 12.75

gal. corn, ex. paid 2.50

1 gal. corn, ex. paid 2.75

1 gal. L. N. corn, ex. paid 3.25

Rye Whiskey—Express Paid.

Queen City, ex. paid \$2.50

Sunny South, ex. paid 2.75

Rye Malt, ex. paid 3.25

Hurdle Rye, ex. paid 4.00

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Planter, ex. paid 5.00

Old Boone, ex. paid 5.00

Williams' Private Seal, ex. paid. 6.00

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Send Us a Trial Order—



RESIDENT MAKES SPEECH ON BOWERY

Mid Chasm Between Rich and Poor Was Not Much of a Chasm After All.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—After speaking last night in Carnegie hall at the grand jubilee of the Methodist mission in Africa, President Taft moved through a driving rainstorm to the Bowery mission, where he made address to a typical Bowery audience. He afterward inspected the "bread line" room, where each night hundreds of the unemployed are given food.

The President, in immaculate evening clothes, presented yesterday a striking contrast to the men of the mission, who rose to their feet and cheered him as he entered the long, web-like room from the rear. The visit to the mission was one of the best automobile trips the President ever had. Rain was coming down in torrents.

Entering the hall, the President met a number of the Bowery mission workers among them Mrs. Bird, "the mother of the Bowery," and Dr. Hallimond, superintendent of the mission. The President was introduced by Louis Koch, who established the mission.

Dr. Hallimond first spoke to the

wonder if you understand what honor it is to have the President of the United States to come down to see you?"

"We do," came a chorus of answers, "you are gratified?"

"We are," came another hearty response.

"To you from the bottom of your heart thank the President for coming!"

"We do, we do."

"I took a man with a big athletic build to come all the way from the

White House to the Bowery," said Mr. Hallimond, "but the wings of the eagle are very wide, and he has come right from the seats of the mighty to the bottomless pits of despair to encourage you. Now give him three rousing Bowery cheers."

The audience responded with a will. "As I look in your faces," said the President in his address, "I see you to be earnest American citizens. Some of you are down on your luck, but

you are responding in every fibre to

the same sentiments of loyalty and decency, love of country and the same aspirations for better ideals that I hope every man in this country has.

"I am glad to be here, if by being here and by saying so I can convince you that the so-called chasm between you and those who seem for the time being to be more fortunate is not so much of a chasm after all, and that there is between them and you a feeling of sympathy on their part and an earnest desire that you shall have that equality of opportunity of getting on your feet, of earning a decent livelihood and supporting your families which we hope every man who lives under the Stars and Stripes enjoys.

"I am glad to testify to my interest in the work of the mission, which I hope will always help you and others over the hard places—the times when the Lord and everybody else seems to be against you—to help you at such times to believe that there are people in the world who sympathize with you and hope you will achieve all that an equality of opportunity will give you and to help you to better things."

After inspecting the "bread line" room the President was whirled in his automobile to his brother's home, where he spent the night.

THRIFTY NEGROES.

Alachua County Proud of the Character of Her Colored Population.

The negro population of Alachua county is not proportionately as large as it is in some of the other counties of the State, but in Alachua county the colored people who make their homes here and who are not sojourning so long as work in the great phosphate mines or on the turpentine farms suit their fancy, are an industrious people.

Clashes between the colored people and the whites are unknown in this county. The negro is either given to improving his opportunities on his own farm or is working for his white neighbor, on the farm or in some of the other branches of industry. As a rule the negro in this county is a hard worker and is employing his time and energies toward advancing his interests and providing for himself and his family.

Own Their Own Farms.

A great many colored people in Alachua county own their own farms and are making a success at farming. They are not given to attempts to seek political preferment and take little if any interest in the efforts which have been made to induce them to do so. The great industries of the county, such as the phosphate mines and the turpentine farms, employ a great many negroes, but this class of labor is as a rule imported not only into the county but into the State. As a rule if the colored man of Alachua county desires employment and is in search of it he goes to the farmer and does not have to venture far from home to secure work at good wages.

Interest in Schools.

The colored people of Alachua county take a great deal of interest in their schools and the valuation of the colored public school buildings in Alachua county is far ahead of that of any other county in this State.

If the negro is a farmer in this county he grows cotton and corn. The probabilities are that he was born in a cotton field and that he desires to follow that industry to which he is best adapted. Corn, of course, is grown, but cotton is the colored man's cash crop and in Alachua county the colored man is happy during the cotton season. He knows how to grow the staple and he grows a quality which brings the best price in the market.

In this way the colored population of Alachua county is adding to the county's wealth. The negro is needed here to work the farms and it is just as important for the farmer to have him as it is for the phosphate miner or the naval stores operator to employ him in the carrying on of those great industries.

Continued greatness and prosperity of the country."

He pointed out that the South now, in agriculture and manufacture, was prosperous as never before, because the men and women of the South had put into the work their own energy and ability, and, in no sense, were dependent upon capital or the industry of the people from other parts of the country.

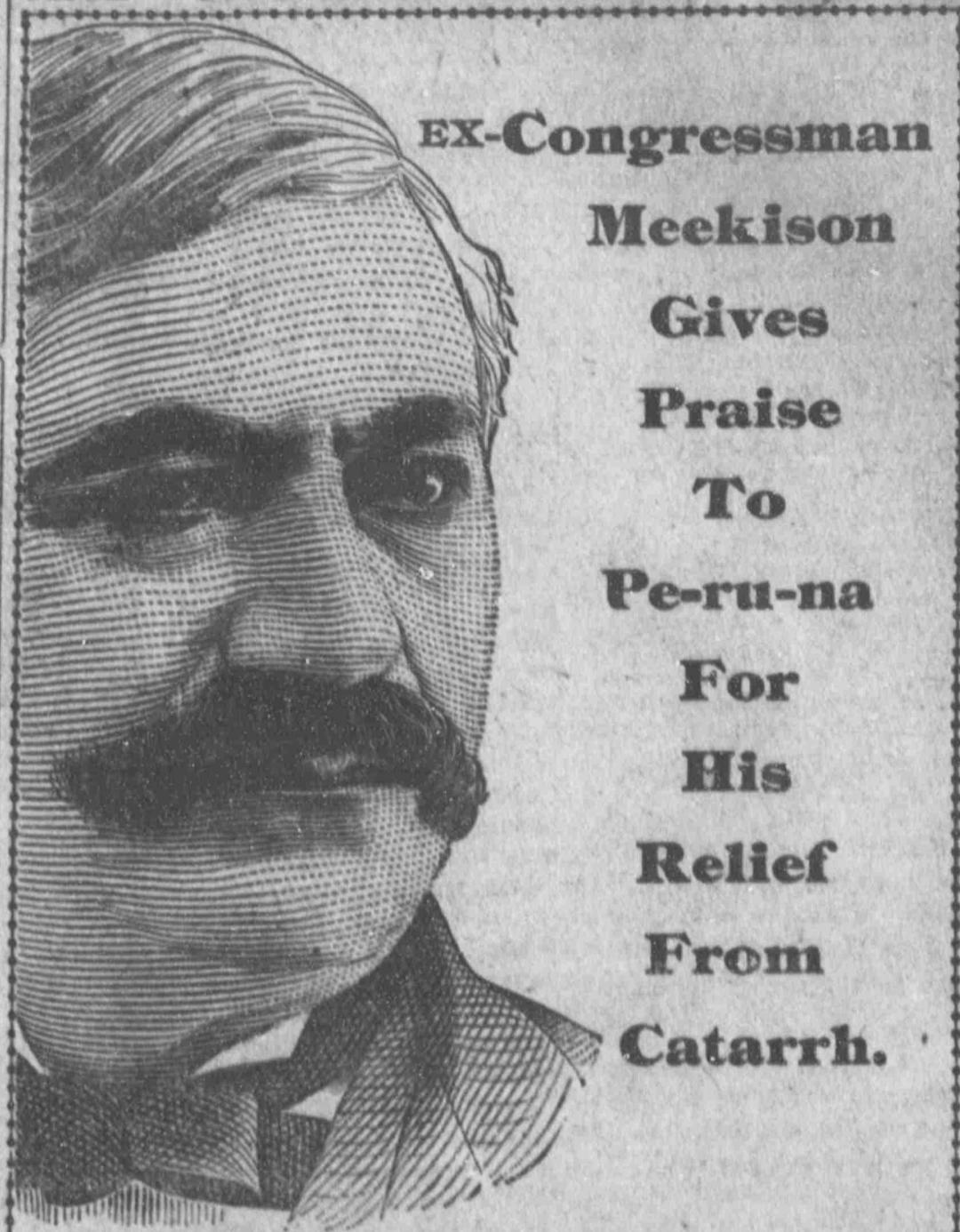
"These diplomas," he continued, "are unique. No boys ever have received a similar recognition of their merit. Nothing I have done since I have been Secretary of Agriculture has given me more pleasure than to present them to you. You have earned them. You have begun right. You are now in line to achieve the highest honors of your respective States."

Altitude of Alachua County.

Those who come to Florida for the benefit of their health usually put great stress upon the altitude of the country. Those who have been led to believe that Alachua county is flat and marshy are laboring under a misapprehension. By careful estimates of competent engineers the elevation above the level of the sea at different points in this county was found to be as follows: Santa Fe Lake, 127 feet; Pitchabooke Lake, 25 feet; Payne's Prairie, or Alachua Lake, 100 feet; Lochloosa Lake, 52 feet; Gainesville and the western part of Alachua county are over 200 feet above the level of the sea. Thus it will be observed that the swamps in this part of Florida are necessarily few and far between. It is no exaggeration to say that the healthfulness of Gainesville and Alachua county is so well established that it is universally recognized and conceded.

All Southern States are making arrangements to send the prize winners to Washington next year. In a brief address to the boys, Secretary Wilson declared that they and the boys engaged in like work are the only hope we have for the con-

HAD CATARRH THIRTY YEARS!



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"I have used several bottles of Peruna and I feel greatly benefited thereby from my catarrh of the head. I feel encouraged to believe that if I use it a short time longer I will be fully able to eradicate the disease of thirty years' standing." —David Meekison.

OTHER REMARKABLE CASES.

Mr. Jacob L. Davis, Galena, Stone county, Mo., writes: "I have been in bad health for thirty-seven years, and after taking twelve bottles of your Peruna I am cured." Mr. C. N. Peterson, 182 South Main St., Council Bluffs, Iowa, writes: "I cannot tell you how much good Peruna has done me. Constant confinement in my store began to tell on my health, and I felt that I was gradually breaking down. I tried several remedies, but obtained no permanent relief until I took Peruna. I felt better immediately, and five bottles restored me to complete health."

A SINCERE RECOMMENDATION.

Mr. D. C. Prosser, Bravo, Allegan Co., Mich., writes: "Two years ago I was badly afflicted with catarrh of the stomach. I had had a run of typhoid fever, was very depleted. I could find nothing I could eat without causing distress and sour stomach. Finally I came to the conclusion that I had catarrh of the stomach and seeing Peruna advertised, began to take it. It helped me soon, and after taking three or four bottles I was entirely cured of stomach trouble, and can now eat anything."

Ask Your Druggist for a Free Peruna Almanac for 1910

Notice to Tax-Payers

We respectfully urge the tax-payers to meet us at the places on the dates set opposite. These appointments are made especially for the convenience of the people and we hope they will avail this opportunity:

Archer—Monday, Jan. 3rd.

Newberry—Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 4th and 5th.

Trenton—Thursday and Friday, Jan. 6th and 7th.

Douglas—Saturday, Jan. 8th.

Bell—Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 10th and 11th.

Willeford—Wednesday, Jan. 12th.

Alachua—Thursday and Friday, Jan. 13th and 14th.

Hague—Tuesday, Jan. 18th.

LaCrosse—Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 19th and 20th.

Bland—Friday, Jan. 21st.

Waldo—Monday, Jan. 24th.

Rochelle—Tuesday, Jan. 25th.

Campsville—Wednesday, Jan. 26th.

Orange Heights—Thursday, Jan. 27th.

Melrose—Friday, Jan. 28th.

Micanopy—Monday, Jan. 31st.

Evinston—Tuesday, Feb. 1st.

Lake View—Wednesday, Feb. 2nd.

Island Grove—Thursday, Feb. 3rd.

Hawthorn—Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4th and 5th.

High Springs—Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 8th and 9th.

Yours for good service,

W. D. DICKINSON, TAX COLLECTOR.

W. W. COLSON, TAX ASSESSOR.

Improvement About Depot.

The Atlantic Coast Line people are

making considerable improvements

about their passenger station

since the remodeling of the old building.

Besides being neatly painted in

inside and out, they are now having

granolithic sidewalks constructed

around the property, and this will

prove a great convenience to the

traveling public, especially during

rainy days.

The Sun office for calling cards.

If you have found anything see it

as is advertised in the West column.

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WEST LIBERTY ST.

GAINESVILLE, FLA.

UNTY COMMISSIONERS HOLD REGULAR SESSION

Hundred Dollars Appropriated to Buy Seed for Co-Operative and Demonstration Work.

Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 7. Board of County Commissioners met this day in regular session. J. G. Dampier, chairman; Summers, O. P. Cannon, J. W. and J. F. Townsend. The board called to order the minutes of meeting were approved and the bills ordered paid:

W. Wienges, auditor, \$50; W. M. guard at jail, \$30; Moses Sherman, \$30; Bell Telephone Co., \$7; J. C. McGrew, registrar, \$25; Mrs. Ida Streeper, Chas. Wise, \$15; Chas. C. Warman warden, \$50; Bessie Goodpastor, \$5; Elizabeth Jones, support, \$5; Robt. Colson, support, \$5; W. Griffin, care pauper, \$6; John and care pauper, \$3; S. H. Wieners, stamps, \$9.35; T. L. Boulware, \$10; Gainesville Gas and Electric Co., \$11.36; J. W. McNeely, \$2.45; J. D. Matheson, \$70.32; East Florida Telephone Company, services, \$2.40; Dickinson, commissions, \$427.69; Davis & Co., typewriter ribbons, H. H. McCreary, office supplies, Atlantic Plumbing Co., work at \$70; Saunders & Earle, lamps, \$2.25; Baird Hardware Company for road, \$19.44; Pettit, road supplies, \$21.04; T. A. road services, \$50; W. D. Fine, road supplies, \$3.60; Haw-Trading Co., road supplies, B. F. Dyess, road work, \$8.10; Summers, road work, \$8;ville Hardware Co., supplies, for road supplies, \$14.23; J. W. road work, \$1.25; Hardee supplies, \$4.05; Bishop-Harrison supplies, \$38.81; J. R. Feaster, services, \$55.75; J. M. Shaw, road \$3; Thaddeus Hague, road work, J. F. Townsend, road work, \$20; May, road work, \$20; G. S. and Co., supplies, \$96.69; S. W. road services, \$25.91; A. L. road supplies, \$20.48; C. W. Good Roads Machinery Co., machinery, \$10.25; W. B. Phifer, timber for roads, \$11.71; Dr. A. treatment county mule, \$15; & Kite, feeding county mule, \$15; Feaster, road supplies, \$59; Rowe, road work, \$2; E. C. & Son, road supplies, \$2.75; & Son, road work, \$1; J. S. drugs, 50 cents; O. W. medicine, 25 cents; T. R. road services, \$66.40; J. G. care teams, \$4; Baird Hardware Co., road supplies, \$3.35; B. road supplies, 85 cents; C. Mott, road work, \$4.15; J. G. road supplies, \$1.15; S. H. services fall term court, R. F. Bowden, feeding Owen, H. Wienges, money advanced stenographer, \$31.10; J. A. bailiff, \$6.25; Smith & Tompkins, prisoners from New York; R. L. Kennedy, feeding and Davidson, \$16.80; P. G. \$5 paid for Pate Sims; that prisoners be paid as follows: Feaster, \$46; C. W. Summers, O. P. Cannon, \$41; J. W. May, F. Townsend, \$40; W. W. road work, \$2; commissioners \$200 for road hands: O. May, \$200; J. G. Dampier, \$250; May, \$200; J. F. Townsend,

Board adjourned until tomorrow.

December 8th.

Board met pursuant to adjournment and made following orders: R. W. Small, road supplies, \$2.25; Gainesville Hardware Company, \$9.85; H. H. McCreary, publishing reports, \$13.50; Baird Hardware Company, road supplies, \$18; H. H. McCreary, time sheets, \$9; R. L. Polk, services county road, \$39; F. M. Cellon, road services, \$36; C. C. Pedrick, road work, \$18.85; M. T. Fralick, services guard, \$5.40; H. C. Sealey, jury fees, \$8.30.

That following persons be paid for criminal cases: S. H. Wienges, \$106.24; P. G. Ramsey, \$625.90; H. G. Mason, \$271.52; J. A. Carlisle, \$29.32; S. G. Wynne, \$28.65; L. E. Story, \$2.40; J. N. Hayman, \$10.85; Ira J. Carter, \$50.22; G. W. Livingston, \$17.80; M. A. Bexley, \$22.80; J. O. McGriff, \$10.70; S. P. Thomas, \$11; H. C. Sealey, \$6.49; W. C. Hague, \$1.85; E. G. Spencer, \$5.80; E. T. Henderson, \$5.66; J. D. Siford, \$4.40; S. O. Barron, \$4.40; M. T. Waters, \$10.70; P. G. Ramsey, feeding prisoners, \$212.40; horse and guard hire fall term court, \$239.80; W. T. Bruton, court bailiff, \$13.75; Miss Lois Hale, court stenographer, \$10; H. C. Parker, road supplies, \$6.93.

Whereupon the board adjourned until tomorrow.

December 9th.

Board met this day and made the following orders: Crawford & Davis, difference in mules, \$316.50; O. P. Cannon, money advanced, \$2.74.

Bond of D. C. Ellis as notary public was approved; bond of F. Prescott Bullock as notary approved.

J. C. Manning, H. C. Roth, W. M. Barber, J. L. Lee, R. B. Barber, and J. W. Fowler, having complied with the law, were granted permits to carry a pistol. G. A. Sparkman and H. L. Welch were granted permits to carry a repeating rifle.

One hundred dollars was appropriated for buying good seed for the co-operation and demonstrative work of the county.

J. D. Matheson, county treasurer, was instructed to transfer special road tax from district No. 2 of \$305 to the general fund.

C. W. Summers was instructed to confer with the commissioners of Suwannee county in reference to constructing a steel bridge across Santa Fe river at Scott's landing.

Board adjourned until next regular meeting.

Vagaries of a Cold—You can never be quite sure where a cold is going to hit you. In the fall and winter it may settle in the bowels, producing severe pain. Do not be alarmed nor torment yourself with fears of appendicitis. At the first sign of a cramp take Perry Davis' Painkiller in warm, sweetened water and relief comes at once. There is but one Painkiller—Perry Davis'.

Over 200 barrels of mackerel were shipped from Fort Pierce last Wednesday.

Ayer's Hair Vigor

Ingredients: Sulphur, Glycerin, Quinin, Sodium Chlorid, Capsicum, Sage, Alcohol, Water, Perfume.

Anything injurious here? Ask your doctor.
Anything of merit here? Ask your doctor.
Will it stop falling hair? Ask your doctor.
Will it destroy dandruff? Ask your doctor.

Does not Color the Hair

J. C. AT&T COMPANY, Lowell, Mass.

NATURAL CURIOSITIES OF ALACHUA COUNTY

The Great Sink.

The Sink, lying three miles south of Gainesville, is one of Florida's greatest and most interesting attractions. For centuries this Sink, which is now known as Alachua Lake, has been known to travelers and explorers and has from the earliest times excited the curiosity and admiration of those who have visited it. It was first visited and graphically described by a Spaniard over three hundred years ago. The description following is an extract from "William Bartram's Travels Through North and South Carolina, Georgia, East and West Florida, and the Cherokee Country," published in Philadelphia and London in 1791:

"We alighted in a pleasant vista, turning our horses to graze while we amused ourselves with exploring the borders of the Great Sink. In this place a group of rocky hills almost surrounds a large basin, which is the general receptacle of the water, draining from every part of the vast savanna, by lateral conduits winding about, and one after another joining the main creek or general conductor, which at length delivers them into this sink, where they descend by slow degrees, through rocky caverns, into the bowels of the earth, whence they are carried by secret subterraneous channels into other receptacles and basins. We ascended a collection of eminences, covered with dark groves, which is one point of the crescent that partly encircles the sink or basin open only on the side next the savanna, where it is joined to the great channel or general conductor of the waters. From this point over to the opposite point of the crescent (which is a similar high rocky promontory) is about one hundred yards, forming a vast semi-circle cove or basin, the hills encircling it, rising very steep fifty or sixty feet high, rocky, perpendicular and bare of earth next the waters of the basin. The hills, from the top of the perpendicular, fluted, excavated walls of rock, slant off moderately up to their summits, and are covered with a very fertile, loose, black earth, which nourishes and supports a dark grove of very large trees, varieties of shrubs and herbaceous plants. These high forest trees surrounding the basin, by their great height and spread, so effectually shade the waters that, coming suddenly from the open plains, we seem at once shut up in darkness and the waters appear black, yet are clear. When we ascend the top of the hills, we perceive the ground to be uneven, by round swelling points and corresponding hollows, overspread with gloomy shade, occasioned by the tall and spreading trees, such as live oak, morus rubra, zanthoxylon, sapindus, liquidambar, tilia, laurus, borbonia, quercus, juglans cinerea, and others, together with orange trees of remarkable magnitude and very fruitful. But that which is most singular and to me unaccountable, is the insundibuliform cavities, even on the top of these high hills, some twenty, thirty, and forty yards across, at their superficial rims exactly circular, as if struck with a compass, sloping gradually inwards to a point at bottom, forming an inverted cone, or like one upper wide part of a funnel; the perpendicular depth of them from the common surface is various, some descending twenty feet deep, others almost to the bed of rocks, which forms the foundation or nucleus of the hills, and indeed of the whole country of East Florida; some of them seem to be nearly filled up with earth, swept in from the common surface, but retain the same uniformity; though sometimes so close together as to be broken one into another. In and about

ible numbers of crocodiles, some of which are of an enormous size, and view the passenger with incredible impudence and avidity; and at this time they are so abundant that, if permitted by them, I could walk over any part of the basin and the river upon their heads, which slowly float and turn about like knotty chunks or logs of wood, except when they plunge or shoot forward to beat off their associates pressing too close to each other, or taking up fish, which continually crowd in upon them from the savanna, especially the great trout, mudfish, catfish, and the various species of bream; the gar are rather too hard for their jaws and rough for their throats, especially here, where they have a superfluous plenty and variety of those that are every way preferable; besides, the gar being, like themselves, a war-like, voracious creature, they seem to be in league or confederacy together, to enslave and devour the numerous defenceless tribes.

"It is astonishing and incredible, perhaps I may say, to relate what un-speakable numbers of fish repair to this fatal fountain or receptacle, during the latter summer season and autumn, when the powerful sunbeams have evaporated the waters off the savanna; where those who are so fortunate as to effect a retreat into the conductor, and escape the devouring jaws of the fearful alligator and armed gar, descend into the earth, through the wells and cavities or vase perforations of the rocks, and from thence are conducted and carried away, by secret subterranean conduits and gloomy vaults, to other distant lakes and rivers. And it does not appear improbable but that at some future day this vast savanna, or lake of waters, in the winter season will be discovered to be in a great measure filled with its finny inhabitants, who are strangers or adventurers from other lakes, ponds and rivers, by subterranean rivulets and communications to this rocky, dark door, or outlet, whence they ascend to its surface, spread over and people the winter lake, where they breed, increase, and continue as long as it is under water, or during pleasure, for they are at all seasons to be seen ascending and descending through the rocks; but towards the autumn, when the waters have almost left the plains, they then crowd to the sink in such multitudes as at times to be seen pressing on in great banks into the basin, being urged by pursuing bands of alligators and gar, and when entering the great basin, or sink, are suddenly fallen upon by another army of the same devouring enemies lying in wait for them. Thousands are driven on shore, they perish and rot in banks, which was evident at the time I was there, the stench being intolerable, although then early in the summer. There are three great doors, or vent holes, through the rocks in the sink, two near the center and the other one near the rim, much higher up than the other two, which was conspicuous through the clear water. The beds of rocks lay in horizontal thick strata, or lime one over the other, where the sink holes or outlets are. These rocks are perforated by perpendicular wells or tubes, four, five and six feet in diameter, exactly circular, as the tube of a canon or walled well. Many of these are broken into one another, forming a great ragged orifice, appearing fluted by alternate jaws and semi-circular perpendicular niches or excavations."

Mammoth Trees.

Those who imagine that the sandy soil of Florida is not productive are wide of the mark. Trees of enormous size are common all over Alachua county. Joseph Simms and Surveyor, Bailey of Alachua county, while surveying a line in the Ocklawaha swamp, found a giant tree that measured 38 feet and nine inches in circumference. There is a live oak in Micanopy claimed to be by actual measurement 23 feet in circumference, and its branches cover an area of nearly a quarter of an acre. Its age, of course, is not known, but judging from its immense size and the very slow growth of this kind of oak, one would suppose its age to be at least one thousand years. No doubt its large and spreading branches have afforded shelter and protection for the red man from storms centuries ago. Another mammoth live oak, 22 feet in circumference, may be seen three miles southwest of Gainesville, in the Rocky Point region, near Alachua Lake. There are hundreds of trees in that vicinity from four to five feet in diameter. In the city of Gainesville there are hundreds of handsome oaks from two and a half to three feet in diameter. Less than one mile and a half from Gainesville there are many magnolia trees measuring fully three feet in diameter, and on the land of Mr. Freeze northwest of this city, is a pine tree at least five feet in diameter. There are also hickory trees measuring from two and a half to three feet through. In the swamps of Florida there are cypress trees from six to eight feet in diameter. These giants of the forest are living witnesses of what the soil of Alachua county can produce.

The Devil's Mill Hopper.

About six miles northwest of Gainesville is what is known as the Devil's Mill Hopper. It is a physical phenomenon of like nature as the sink, but much more remarkable. It is a deep, narrow, vertical excavation, over 100 feet in depth, and is at all times filled with water to a certain depth, which spreads out at the basin of the hopper in the form of a lake, which neither rises nor falls, notwithstanding that some twenty streams are pouring their contents into it continuously. These streams emerge from the sides at various heights above the level of the water in the lake below, coming from no one knows where, as there is no sign of a stream anywhere upon the surface of the earth for miles around. A remarkable feature of this wonderful sink is that, while for miles around the growth of timber is all pine, inside the hopper may be found timber of almost every kind known to Florida soil. Trees of every description, from the diminutive sapling to the towering magnolia, are thickly studded on all sides of the hopper. Beautiful flowers and mammoth ferns grow in luxuriant profusion, and when the sun is shining the reflection in the miniature lake of all above is grand beyond description.

The Devil's Mill Hopper and Warren's Cave, which is another wonder in the same vicinity, are favorite resorts for picnic parties and visiting strangers. The drive from Gainesville to those attractive features of Alachua county's natural curiosities is a pleasant one, over good road. No stranger visiting this city should fail to see the Devil's Mill Hopper and Warren's Cave.

Natural Wells.

The natural wells of Alachua county are great wonders. They are unique in that they are not known to exist in any other part of the world. There are hundreds of these wells in this locality. They are most frequently found in the western part of the county. These wells are as round and perpendicular as though they had been cut through the rock by the hand of man. Most of them contain water, but some are dry. In diameter they are usually about two and a half feet, and are generally from thirty to forty feet deep; in some of them, however, no bottom has ever been found. The walls are of solid limestone. The water in them contains lime, and in summer is quite cool. The dry wells are perfectly safe to enter. In one, at least, parties can go down into it a distance of thirty feet, and then through an underground passage can come up out of another one a mile away. These wells, together with the numerous sinks, lakes and springs are among the greatest of Florida's attractions. No one coming to this State should fail to visit Gainesville and Alachua county and see these natural curiosities.

Mammoth Trees.

Those who imagine that the sandy soil of Florida is not productive are wide of the mark. Trees of enormous size are common all over Alachua county. Joseph Simms and Surveyor, Bailey of Alachua county, while surveying a line in the Ocklawaha swamp, found a giant tree that measured 38 feet and nine inches in circumference. There is a live oak in Micanopy claimed to be by actual measurement 23 feet in circumference, and its branches cover an area of nearly a quarter of an acre. Its age, of course, is not known, but judging from its immense size and the very slow growth of this kind of oak, one would suppose its age to be at least one thousand years. No doubt its large and spreading branches have afforded shelter and protection for the red man from storms centuries ago. Another mammoth live oak, 22 feet in circumference, may be seen three miles southwest of Gainesville, in the Rocky Point region, near Alachua Lake. There are hundreds of trees in that vicinity from four to five feet in diameter. In the city of Gainesville there are hundreds of handsome oaks from two and a half to three feet in diameter. Less than one mile and a half from Gainesville there are many magnolia trees measuring fully three feet in diameter, and on the land of Mr. Freeze northwest of this city, is a pine tree at least five feet in diameter. There are also hickory trees measuring from two and a half to three feet through. In the swamps of Florida there are cypress trees from six to eight feet in diameter. These giants of the forest are living witnesses of what the soil of Alachua county can produce.

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caused more seriously resulting afflictions in thousands of cases. not your case be next; or, some one dear in the family? Medical state that more lives could be saved by early treatment of colds than nearly all other ways. Treat that cough today. THE BRAND COUGH SYRUP is the most effective remedy for colds on the market, penetrates to the very seat of the disease, gives almost instant relief and is absolutely harmless. Ask druggist for it and insist on the package with the bear head.

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NEWS OF CITY AND COUNTY CONDENSED

MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST SECURED BY SUN REPORTERS.

What Has Happened and What Is Going to Happen—Personal and Social Items of the City.

From Tuesday's Daily Sun.

J. G. Beville, one of the truckers of Arredondo, was visiting in the city yesterday.

W. M. Hires, one of the prominent citizens of Levyville, was transacting business in the city yesterday.

The Island Grove School is said to be having one of the most successful years in its history. The attendance is holding up well.

Capt. H. C. Cato of High Springs, who has been here on a short visit to his daughter, Mrs. B. T. Arnow, returned to his home yesterday.

G. E. Whetstone, a former resident of Gainesville but who is now making his home at Fort White, was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Rev. F. R. Bridges, accompanied by Mrs. Bridges and little son, left yesterday for Lakeland, where they go to attend the annual meeting of the Methodist Conference.

Several wells have been dug and gasoline engines put in around Island Grove in order to irrigate the truck farms. They have been very successful and several more are now being installed in that section.

Miss Ruth Thorp, who has been teaching the Rocky Hill school for the past few months, was a visitor to the city yesterday. She was en route to her home at Lakeland, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Miss Dell Muldrow of Florence, S. C., who has been here for the past several days as the guest of her friend, Miss Rosabelle Pedrick, departed yesterday for her home. During her short stay she made a host of young friends who will be pleased with a return visit.

W. W. Carter, a prominent citizen of Clay county and member of the Board of County Commissioners of that place, is among the visitors to the city. For many years he was engaged in business at Arredondo, and was born in old Newnansville, consequently has a large number of friends in this county who are always pleased to meet him.

From Wednesday's Daily Sun.

W. S. Turner of Micanopy was visiting in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson of Alachua were shopping in the city yesterday.

Mrs. M. L. Beckham of Waldo was in the city Tuesday on a shopping expedition.

J. E. Clemons of Brooker was in the city yesterday and made an agreeable call at The Sun office.

Geo. W. Harrison, one of the progressive planters of the LaCrosse section, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

J. P. Bradshaw, one of the cattle-men and farmers of Wacahoota section, was visiting in the city yesterday.

J. W. Malphurs, one of the old-time settlers of the LaCrosse section, was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Frank McDavid, one of the planters of the Montecocha section, was greeting his numerous Gainesville friends yesterday.

Mrs. M. S. Phifer and little son left yesterday for Miami. They expect to be absent for the next several days visiting relatives and friends.

R. L. Bouie and wife, who have been in the city for the past number of days, left yesterday for Alachua to visit relatives for a short while.

Geo. L. Taylor, superintendent of the Gainesville Peach Orchard Company, who own an extensive farm at Palmer, was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

W. O'Hara, one of the progressive farmers of Melrose, was transacting business in the city yesterday. He states that considerable spring vegetables will be planted in his section the coming season.

J. M. Brown, one of the well-to-do planters of the Trenton section, was visiting in Gainesville yesterday. He

some land matters and returned on the afternoon train.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Godbey of Waldo were in the city yesterday doing their Christmas shopping. Mr. Godbey is one of the best-posted farmers of that part of the county and always makes a great success with his planting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Stewart and little daughter, Ortha, of River Junction, Mich., arrived in this city yesterday for their winter sojourn. This will be their fifth winter here. Their many friends gladly welcome them back.

P. D. Sherard of Clyatt's station was among the truckers visiting the city yesterday. He has recently finished a handsome two-story home in that place and is well pleased over his prospect for a fine crop of vegetables in the early spring.

The many friends of Joseph Finch, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the home of his sister, Mrs. McCormick, will be pleased to learn that he has stood the same remarkably well and there are strong hopes for an early recovery.

Jesse E. Burtz, for many years in the employ of The Sun as local reporter, has bought the job printing outfit formerly used by E. L. Cushman and is now engaged in business on his "own hook." The Sun wishes Jesse success in his new undertaking.

H. A. Pickett, one of the prominent citizens of the Jonesville section, and a cotton broker of some note, was a visitor to the city yesterday. He was among the few lucky ones that still had some of the staple on hand when the great advance was had on cotton.

W. G. English, who owns and operates an extensive truck farm at Flewelling station, was a visitor to the city yesterday. He has now several acres prepared for his lettuce crop, besides having other ground ready for early planting of his spring crops. He is considered one of the best farmers of that section.

M. Venable, the crate and basket man of Archer, was transacting business in the city yesterday. He states that his company now have on hand the largest stock they have ever carried in this class of goods, and that they will make up material all through the winter in order to meet their demands for packages during the spring months.

From Thursday's Daily Sun.

D. M. Phifer of Rochelle was in the city yesterday.

Rev. W. M. Pugh of Waldo paid the city a visit yesterday.

J. A. J. Strickland of Hague was a visitor to Gainesville yesterday.

S. O. Zetrouer and son of Rochelle were among the visitors here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Waits of Fairbanks were shopping in the city yesterday.

Dr. Thaxton and family are now comfortably domiciled at the home of Mrs. Rachael Halle.

Mrs. W. P. Carter made a short trip to Newberry yesterday, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Weeks.

N. C. Pettit, one of the leading merchants of Waldo, was a visitor to the county capital yesterday.

F. D. Irwin, the merchant and contractor of Fairbanks, was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

J. L. Carter, tax assessor at Levy county, with headquarters at Bronson, was among the business visitors to the city yesterday.

J. W. Hines of the Hague section, together with his two sons, Verge and Gordon, were in the city yesterday on a shopping expedition.

Mrs. R. L. Cone has returned from a pleasant but short visit with her parents at Withlacoochee, Ga. She also visited friends in Valdosta.

Mail this copy of The Sun to some person in another State. It will interest them, and may be the means of causing them to locate in Alachua county.

An appreciated holiday gift for the young would be a pretty fox terrier puppy. Several nice ones for sale at 400 East Union street. Telephone No. 328.

F. B. Irons has established a nice hiller at the gleaning plant of Mrs. Lois Tucker, where he will be pleased to accommodate the public. Satisfaction guaranteed.

J. E. Futch has returned from a pleasant visit to South Florida, where he went to look after the shipment of his oranges. He disposed of the greater part of his fruit in this section.

J. M. Brown, one of the well-to-do planters of the Trenton section, was visiting in Gainesville yesterday. He

consequence he always realizes better prices.

B. F. Matthews, one of the prominent citizens of the Tacoma section, was among the visitors to the city yesterday. He states that about all the oranges have been shipped from that section, but in some cases very poor returns were received.

Capt. W. D. Dickinson leaves today for Lakeland, to be present as a delegate to the M. E. Conference now in session at that place. From there he will proceed to Fort Myers to spend a number of days visiting his daughter, Mrs. D. L. Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Higdon and children have gone to Kissimmee to spend the week visiting relatives of Mrs. Higdon. This is Mr. Higdon's first vacation from the Electric Power Company in some time, and he expects to have a most enjoyable trip.

Remember The Sun office when in need of anything in the line of printing. We have just received a new outfit of type of the latest designs for this department, and our stock of stationery is the largest of any printing office in this section, while our prices are as low as possible for good work on good stock.

CARNIVAL HAS BIG CROWDS.

Increasing Interest Being Shown at the Carnival Grounds.

Increased interest is being shown at the carnival grounds, and each night the crowds are larger on the midway to participate in the great fun-making and week of merriment.

The Wright-Turner aggregation have a large collection of people traveling with them, and the shows as a rule are far above the average street carnival attractions.

The warmer weather has had much to do with the increased attendance, and as a result all seem to be happy on the grounds and join in the procession for a jolly time.

BEFORE JUDGE CARLISLE.

Lula Washington Charged With Larceny of \$15 in Cash.

Lula Washington, colored, of Rocky Point, was placed in jail on Tuesday on a warrant sworn out by Joseph Woods, also colored, who charged her with the theft of \$15 in cash, which he stated was taken from his home near that place.

The defendant was arraigned before Justice Carlisle yesterday, but owing to the absence of some "material" witnesses the case was postponed until January 1st, when she will be given a hearing.

LOCHLOOSA NEWS.

LOCHLOOSA, Dec. 15.—W. A. Pace, formerly of this place but now residing in Jacksonville, was in town last week spending some time with his old friends.

A. C. Hayman made a business trip to Ocala Friday.

Prof. C. A. Roberts and Miss Eva Hayman made a business trip to Hawthorn Saturday.

Misses Selma and Lois Tompkins spent last Thursday in Island Grove with the dentist, having some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tompkins spent last Sunday in Island Grove with their daughter, Mrs. E. A. Dupree.

J. O. Hayman attended the oyster supper at Island Grove Friday night, last.

C. A. Roberts spent Saturday evening, last, with friends in Island Grove.

C. A. Roberts, C. R. Mingledorff and Misses Lois and Anna Tompkins spent a pleasant day last Sunday with friends at Cross Creek.

A large shingle mill is being erected here to be known as the Lochloosa Cypress Shingle Co. The parties erecting it hope to have it completed and ready to start to work January 3rd.

Miss Zelma Hayman spent last Sunday with relatives in Gainesville.

R. F. Caldwell spent last Sunday evening very pleasantly with friends in Island Grove.

M. A. Musselwhite has gone to Jacksonville. He has a job there with the Standard Oil Co.

Waiting for Connections.

Owing to the heavy travel that is now extending southward, passenger train No. 29, from Jacksonville to St. Petersburg, was delayed some three hours yesterday. This was due to

BURGLARS ENTER THE HOME OF MRS. HALE

FRIGHTENED AWAY BEFORE ANYTHING OF VALUE WAS TAKEN.

Supposed That This Is the Same Party Who Has Been Visiting Other Residences in City.

On Monday night burglars entered the home of Mrs. M. F. Hale on East Main street, north, but nothing of value was secured, being frightened away before they had had time to secure any valuables.

When the intruder was first discovered he was in one of the bed rooms of the home, and the noise he made in opening the drawers of the dresser attracted the attention of the occupants, who gave the alarm.

This is the second time that a residence has been entered in that section of the city, and judging from the manner in which they effect their entrance to the homes it is someone that is evidently familiar with the surroundings.

As soon as the ladies were awakened it frightened the man, and he made good his escape before the general alarm could be given.

From the statement given out it is probably the same darkey that entered the Burkham home only a few nights since, and who was shot at a couple of times by Mr. Anderson as he was making his exit from the house.

Residents of the city should now take extra precautions to catch up with the thief, and be prepared to "welcome" him should he enter their homes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of City of Gainesville for Period Ending November 30, 1909.

Condition of funds at close of business November 30, 1909:
Debits from April 1, 1909, \$35,241.72
Credits 23,959.80

To balance in the funds \$11,281.92

In the Various Funds.

Gen. Utility Bonds	\$ 2,360.21
Educational Bonds	1,833.80
Municipal Bonds	136.92
Fire Protection Fund	1,732.94
Waterworks Ex. and rents	4,666.30
Gen. Funds—Consolidated	240.46
Special Street—Cash Fund	311.29

Total in Funds \$11,281.92
Nov. 30th, 1909.

Contingent Fund.

W. E. Baker, compiling ordinances	250.00
Cemetery sexton	280.00
Geo. B. Evans, auditor	100.00
Incidentals	239.07
Waterworks department	2,957.62
Gen. utility bonds, 65 coupons	1,625.00
Educational bonds, 50 coupons	1,250.00
Municipal bonds, 2 bonds redeemed with accrued interest	1,613.89
Eight coupons	200.00

Trade.

Trade has begun much earlier than usual and you had better come in now and let us show you our stock.

Total disbursements from April 1 to Nov. 30, 1909, \$23,959.80

J. M. DELL, Clerk and Treasurer.

MOODY—TOWNSEND.

HAWTHORN, Dec. 15.—A wedding ceremony was performed at the home of J. F. Townsend on Wednesday, the contracting parties being J. J. Moody and Miss Eva Townsend. The bride wore a pretty white silk mull princess dress, trimmed in lace and gold ornaments, while the groom wore the conventional black. The bride is well and favorably known here, and the groom is one of Belmont's most respected young men. They received quite a number of pretty and useful presents. The happy couple left at 4 o'clock in the afternoon on the Seaboard for their future home at Belmont. We wish them a long life of much happiness and prosperity.

GUEST.

Beautiful Silk Umbrellas with Silver and Pearl Handles and many other things which you will like to see.

Following is the vote in place test as counted December 12th:

Gainesville High School

Ralph Chapin

Miss Marion Parker, City

North Gainesville Hall

Miss Vida Barron, Bell

Miss Annie Price, Wade

Miss Mattie Jennings, Rochelle

Miss Bessie Waits, Hawthorn

Miss Eva Powell,

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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

CHRISTMAS IN FICTION.

By GEORGE H. PICARD

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NOT until the first half of the last century was well spent did the species of literature which has come to be known as Christmas fiction effect a permanent lodgment in the hearts of English speaking mankind. The ancient parable plays and the rhymed holiday legends of the middle ages are still in use on the continent, but the more secular minded English had only the rude Yuletide jingles and the quaint carols of beef eating antiquity.

Contrary to the prevailing notion, the inventor of the tale with a distinctive Christmas flavor was an American. It is likely that it would occur to few Americans and to no Englishman to dissent if it were asserted in their presence that Charles Dickens originated the Christmas story. His name is so inseparably connected with so much of the holiday literature enshrined in the popular heart that it is small wonder the mention of Christmas suggests him. The credit of the "literary find," however, must be given to another, a man who was at the end of his thirties when Dickens was born, who had been at Malta when Nelson's fleet sailed away to Trafalgar, who had visited Sir Walter at Abbotsford and had captivated him and who was afterward secretary to the United States legation in England. That, of course, means Washington Irving.

Irving's first book, "The Sketch-Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.," had pleased everybody, so much so, indeed, that it was republished by John Murray in London and translated into several continental languages. Both the publishers and the public were urging him to do something equally meritorious. Nobody realized more keenly than did the author of the exquisite work the difficulty of producing its mate, and he was not a man to be driven into mediocrity. Three years later he published "Bracebridge Hall," and the chapter of that masterpiece of literary workmanship entitled "Christmas at Bracebridge Hall" was the pioneer holiday tale of English literature and has furnished a model for subsequent fictionists which has seldom been equaled and never excelled. Its easy grace and felicity of expression were a revelation to everybody in those days, and the wonder and the charm are potent still.

William Makepeace Thackeray, master of a realism that is the wonder and the despair of those who have followed him, needed no model and chose none. His "Mrs. Perkins' Ball" resembles nothing ever conceived in the mind of any other man. The public was pleased with it, but never as much as was Thackeray himself.



HAWTHORNE.

Most amazing of all, the author of the tale professed to believe that it was "Mrs. Perkins' Ball" that had made his reputation—that, too, in the face of the fact that "Vanity Fair" had just been published. This perversion of Thackeray in regard to the literary value of his wares and his lack of faith in his masterpiece—he had so little confidence in the success of "Vanity Fair" that after it appeared he applied for a small government position—are proof sufficient that the man who creates a masterpiece may have a dim conception of artistic values.

All the makers of great fiction are more or less under the spell of their immediate surroundings, but few have made it more apparent than Charles Dickens. Those who knew the circumstances saw plainly that he had put himself and his sad childhood into many of his pathetic short stories. This is especially true of "The Ghost in Master B's Room," which is an account of things which happened to him in his troubled boyhood. As a child he was a true believer in ghosts, and he probably thought that he was



REPRODUCED FROM AN ORIGINAL PAINTING BY PARKER.

ly abandoned his faith in spectral appearances. Many of his tales are peopled with disembodied spirits, and they are like the ghosts of no other writer. They are the spooks that appeal to one and make one believe in their genuineness. They are frequently more real than the living characters who consort with them. Although they are dead, they conduct themselves like living entities.

Dickens' Christmas ghosts are unique in the realm of literature. Of all the silent shapes that have been summoned from the upper and nether worlds to lend enchantment to the Christmas tale his alone have become acclimated. There is never anything repulsive about them. They are

that exquisite elegy "Dickens In Camp" and had been heard to express his admiration of it in the most generous terms. The dying novelist declared that the work of the new American writer contained such subtle strokes of workmanship as no other writer in the language had yet exhibited. And then he asked, with a humorous gleam in his weary eyes, "Don't you think that his manner is very like my own?"

Like Dickens, Harte had a genuine fondness for the doings of Yuletide. One who knew him best says that up to the last day of his life "he thought much of the Christmas season and to the last kept up the fond and foolish custom of sending generous presents to his friends." Better appreciated in England than in his native country, Harte spent the later years of his life abroad, but his stories were to the last distinctively American. In that admirable performance entitled "How Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar" there is no flavor of the old world Christmas, and Johnny, clothed in the stars and stripes, is a young American of the most unmistakable sort.

Two of the most strikingly dissimilar Christmas stories ever written are Hawthorne's "Christmas Banquet" and Miss Mitford's "Christmas Party." There is little of Christmas in Hawthorne's grawsome tale. The joyous festival is only a literary makeshift around which is woven a weird

psychological study that drives all remembrance of the blessed season from the mind. Its ghosts are not the sociable and easily banished spooks of Dickens. They are formless and creepy and all pervading. They are the fearsome specters that rise in the frigid vapors of German mysticism, and they are made sicker still with a strong admixture of New England transcendentalism. It is a masterpiece in conception and in treatment—no question at all about that—but it does not make the Yule log glow more brightly or lend a better flavor to the steaming bowl.

Mary Russell Mitford does not deal in ghosts. All of her Christmas characters are flesh and blood people, and they are not of the sort that "will not stay dead when they die." Her "Christmas Party" is as dainty in its workmanship as anything which ever came from her careful pen, and that is saying much. It is as restful and non-suggestive as a pastoral, and its influence is as soothing as the delicate flavor which escapes when the cover of a potpourri jar is lifted or the drawer of an old time cabinet is opened—the faint, pervasive odor of crushed rose leaves and dried lavender.

A COOT ANSWER.

Jewel—Arrah, Jimmy, why did I marry yet? Just tell me that, for it's mornin' that's had to maintain ye ever since the blessed day that I became your wife.

"Hwata jewel," replied Jimmy, not relishing the charge, "and it's mornin' that hopes I may live to see the day when you're a widow. Weeping over the cold sod that covers me. Then I'll see how you'll get along without me, hooray!"—London, 18-61.



THACKERAY.



DICKENS.

A TRUE STORY OF CHRISTMAS AT SEA.

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The gathering of "old salts," officially known as the Harbor club, was in session at Captain Truman's store, down by the dock. Outside the wind howled and shrieked through the rigging of the fleet of coasting vessels warped alongside the Main street wharf, and unconsciously the men hitched their chairs closer to the fire as a fiercer blast rattled the windows. During a temporary lull in the storm Cap'n Si Tuttle broke the silence with the following narrative:

"Twas jest sech a Christmas eve as this, along back in the eighties, when I was roundin' old Hatteras in the good ship *Tirzah Ann*. You recollect her, don't you? Haled from Greenport and could smash through any gale that ever blew.

"In course 'twas some wet on deck, and the further we pounded along the rougher it got, and finally we had to turn and run afore the wind. Never saw sech a gale to hang on! We plowed through seas you could only guess the height of. And dark! You couldn't see your hand afore your face.

"There was five of us aboard, and we was pretty well tuckered out next mornin', but daylight showed no let-up, and, to make things wuss, a heavy snow set in. Seemed as if it turned to ice to wunst soon as it hit the deck, and afore you could say 'Jack Robinson' the riggin' was froze solid, and a dozen men with axes couldn't have cast loose the dory.

"Along about six bells the fust mate took the wheel, and I went below to get a brace, when there come a heavy crash, and both masts went by the board. I went up the companionway in two jumps, but afore I reached the deck the water was pourin' into the fo'castle in tons, and the ship begun to heave and wallow like a stuck pig.

"There warn't any use tryin' to launch the dory, even if we had had time, and in two shakes of a dog's tail the *Tirzah Ann* rose high on the top of a huge comber, quivered like a dyin' lion and then plunged head first beneath the waves with all on board."

Captain Si stopped and leisurely bit off a chunk of cut plug, when some one asked, "How did you escape?"

"We didn't," drawled the captain. "Every blamed one of us wus drowned."

W. F. H.

Christmas Superstitions.

If Christmas day on Sunday be,
A troublous winter ye shall see,
Mingled with waters strong;
Good there shall be without fable,
For the summer shall be reasonable,
With storms at times among.

Wines that year shall all be good:
The harvest shall be wet with flood,
Pestilence fall on many a country,
Ere that sickness shall have passed
And while great tempests last
Many young people dead shall be.

Princes that year with iron shall die;
There shall be changing of many lords
high.

Among knights great debate,
Many tidings shall come to men;
Many wives shall be weeping then,
Both of poor and great estate.

The faith shall then be hurt truly,
For divers points of heresy
That shall then appear
Through the tempting of the fiend,
And divers matters unkind
Shall bring great danger near.

Cattle shall thrive, one and the other,
Have oxen; they shall kill each other.

And some beasts—they shall die,
Both fruit and corn will not be good.

Apples will be scarce for food,
And ships shall suffer on the sea.

—From Harleian MS. in British Museum,
Fifteenth Century.

An Awkward Selection.

The first Baron Kenyon was rather fond of telling the story of how while on circuit with Justice Hook they entered a village just in time to accompany the population to the little village church. The parish clerk, anxious to have the congregation show due appreciation of the honor conferred by the presence of the distinguished jurist, gave out two verses of one of the metrical psalms: "Speak, O ye judges of the earth, if just your sentence be, or must not innocence appeal to heaven from your deserved? Your wicked hearts and judgments are like my mire swayed, your gripping hands like mighty briars to violence betrayed."

By this time most of the adults had woken up to the application of the psalm and remained silent, viewing the children to continue the service.

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FOR MOTHER—A Domestic Machine, or a new cook stove.

FOR FATHER—A fine Razor

FOR SISTER—A handsome chafing dish.

FOR BROTHER—A Pocket Knife or Gun.

FOR LITTLE SISTER—A Croquet Set.

FOR LITTLE BROTHER—A Rifle or Tool Chest.

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THE POWER OF ONE EGGNOG.

TALK about the trials of a woman whose husband is late for dinner or doesn't come when he is expected," says the woman who has had experiences: "It is annoying enough at any time, but it is nothing in a civilized country to what it is when you are off in the wilds somewhere and dinner and dinner getting are two of the most important things in life.

"When Mr. Blank took me and the baby some years ago to try life on a Texas sheep ranch we found there were a good many things in the world that we had no conception of before, and life took on a different aspect. It was a happy life, but it was not an easy one. I had to do all kinds of housework, the hardest kind of housework, and cooking in a house situated in a Texas chaparral is not cooking as it is done even in a New York flat. We lived chiefly on game which Mr. Blank shot as we needed it. Our vegetables were all canned—peas, corn and a certain number of things we kept always on hand.

"I suppose I made myself a great deal more work than was necessary and did twice as much cooking, but I was used to everything in eastern style, and it did not occur to me that I could have things in any other way. We always had dessert every day for dinner. I made cake, and practically we lived in the wilds of Texas exactly as we could here.

"Well, the day when Mr. Blank did not come home to dinner was New Year's. There was not so much difference between the days—they were all working days—but I had prepared a special dinner. Mr. Blank was going off to the dipping vats, but he was to be back at 2 o'clock for dinner, and I prepared a good one. It was rabbit, I think, that day. Our nearest neighbors were a family of Alsatians whom we knew very well and who had been very kind to us. That morning before breakfast Mr. Blank had ridden over there on business of some kind. They had made eggnog to celebrate the day, and of course he must accept their hospitality and take a glass.

"Now, a good strong eggnog is not exactly a before breakfast drink for a man who is not accustomed to taking it at that hour in the morning, and the eggnog was a strong one. It was New Year's day, and eggnog ingredients can be found in Texas, when potatoes can-



HE MANAGED TO CRAWL UP.

could not eat his breakfast and only took a few swallows of coffee and mounted his horse and rode away.

"I went to work and cooked dinner in my best style. I had a little oil stove, for it was always warm where we were, except when a norther came up. Everything was done to perfection and ready to put on the table at 2 o'clock, but Mr. Blank did not come. I looked out, but he was nowhere in sight. Two o'clock passed, 2:30, 3 o'clock, and still he did not come.

"Any one would have supposed that I would have been frightened and think something had happened to him, for he is one of the most considerate of men and this was a most unusual occurrence. But I was not frightened. If anything had happened probably the men would have brought me word.

I had a good dinner prepared, and he did not come, and on New Year's day, I grew more and more angry as the time passed, until by night I was hardly in a condition to speak. By and by he rode up. He seemed to feel my mood. Anyway, his first words were: "I suppose you are provoked."

"Yes, I said, 'I am.'

"He was angry then, and he went off to stake out his horse without another word. It didn't last long, however, and we came to an understanding.

"It seems that that eggnog, taken the first thing in the morning, had been too much for him. He had hardly left the house before he was overcome with an irresistible desire to sleep. He says he never knew how he reached the dipping vats, for he slept most of the way on his horse's back.

When he got there he found working

was simply an impossibility. The men had a little shanty, and he managed to crawl up there, throw himself on the floor, and there he slept all day long without stirring until night, when he had slept off the effects of the eggnog.

"I do not look upon eggnog now as such an innocuous drink as I did at one time, and I know there was never a wife who lived through such a long day as I did waiting for Mr. Blank to come home that New Year's day in Texas."—New York Times.

MARRYING EN MASSE.

Curious New Year's Custom of Plougastel of Brittany.

Some curious and distinctive marriage customs prevail among the Plougastel, a strange race of people (thought by some to be of Asiatic origin) inhabiting Plougastel Daoulas, in Brittany, who are great strawberry growers. They are also noted for intermarrying exclusively with each other. The alliances, which are engineered by an intermediary known as the basralaine, all take place on one day, usually the first Tuesday of the new year. The basralaines start their campaign in September as soon as the harvest is gathered in, demanding on behalf of the intending bridegroom the hand of his bride elect.

The courtship is then authorized and proceeds with ardor during the dark months which follow. Last year twenty-three couples were married in the parish church on Jan. 8.

After the ceremony come dancing and feasting. The great dinner which is served at the numerous inns begins at 2 o'clock and lasts well on to midnight. The favorite dish is tripe, and an inordinate quantity of alcohol is consumed—one would like to know with what results.

The whole place is in foie, and there are never fewer than 2,000 guests. After the orgy the united couples repair to their separate homes. They do not take up their joint life until the following evening (after the service for the dead and a second feast, when they are escorted to the bridal chamber by a large contingent of groomsmen and bridesmaids, to whom soup and cakes are presented by the newly married).—Sphere.

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THE MOTHER OF THE TEDDY BEARS.

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ONCE upon a time—not so many years ago either—there sat in the doorway of a small cottage in Germany a young woman with smiling eyes, a child loving heart and an invalid body. The children of the little village all knew her and sat in groups around her doorway listening to stories, telling her of their childish adventures, and then, greatest joy of all, receiving in turn some delightful toy that her deft fingers had been fashioning while they talked together.

Day by day the children gathered about this doorway. They told of the latest flower that had blossomed on the mountain side, of the wonderful span of horses that Hans, the best carver of the village, had cut from a single block of wood, of the dear little blossoms that baby Gretchen had pointed upon the set of wooden dishes that were to go to the Christmas market. And to them all the young woman listened, smiling, while she plied her needle or cut—snip, snip—with her scissors.

And while they talked or while they listened the eyes of the children rested eagerly upon the busy fingers, for they firmly believed that in those fingers lay a magic which none others possessed. And why should they not believe it, for when the sun began setting down toward the mountain crests and it was time for them to run away home to their suppers of bread and milk the fingers were always stretched out toward some new member of the group, and upon them rested a wondrous animal—a kitten, or a rabbit, or a duck, or a tiny bear—and the like was so wonderful that the children always breathed forth deep "Oohs" and "Ah's" and knew for a certainty that there was magic in the carver's fingers. No one else in all the country could make such animals as these—not even Hans, the marvelous carver.

Always the busy worker sat in her doorway, where she could see the rug-

ged mountains, the green grass, the nodding flowers. Perhaps it was the strength, the grace and the beauty of these that wrought themselves into her simple work.

Then it came about—and no one was more surprised than this child loving young woman herself—that she found herself making hundreds and hundreds of toy animals, for toy buyers from England and America had heard of her wonderful ducks and rabbits and bears and they wanted them for the children of their countries too.

And who, do you ask, was this young woman in faraway Germany? I can only tell you this: She is known now far and wide as the "mother of the Teddy bears."

JULIA DARROW COWLES.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE ARMY.

CHRISTMAS in the various forts garrisoned by United States troops never passes without a cut and dried celebration. Preparation for the event is made long in advance. Every soldier knows that something extra is going to be his portion for that day. The Christmas dinner, with savory extras in the way of food, is not the only special provision for the soldier's celebration. There is a relaxation of the rigor of military discipline, which to many enlisted men is even more welcome than the turkey

and cranberries. On Christmas day the man in the barracks may do pretty much as he pleases.

But "pigs is pigs," and soldiering is soldiering, so it follows that a few of the men are shut out of the general hilarity of the holiday because they must perform a soldier's duty as on other days. The guard mount is for Christmas as well as for all other days, and military regulations cannot forego this requirement, no matter how much the victims may growl under their blouses. Even the extra dinner in the barracks, while it is a rare treat to most of the men, makes work for some of them which is regarded in the army as about the most calamitous detail in the business.

Guard duty and kitchen work are things studiously to be avoided by the enlisted men. It is not pleasant for a soldier to be kept on guard, walking a beat or pacing up and down in front of headquarters when the rest of the fellows are inside the barracks singing songs, telling stories, eating turkey or out on the parade ground playing baseball or doing sky-larking stunts. Accordingly the experienced soldier makes it a point to escape Christmas guard duty if possible. There are several ways of doing this. The first sergeant of the company sometimes, it is hinted, helps the veterans out by a passive co-operation, which throws the burden of the day upon young recruits who are passing their first Christmas in the service. He permits the old timers to swap dates for guard duty with the recruits so that the latter will find themselves detailed.

Santa Claus also comes to the soldier. This is true literally and figuratively. He comes through the mails or the express companies in the shape of boxes or packages from the home folks. On his \$18 a month the soldier does not have much of a surplus to spend in buying presents to send home, but this fact does not militate against his receiving mementos from the old hearthstone. It is always an event in camp or barracks when some man receives a hefty package " jes' fore Christmas." As a rule, the contents are shared with the soldier's cronies if they happen to be of the edible variety and any of the cronies fail to receive similar remembrances.

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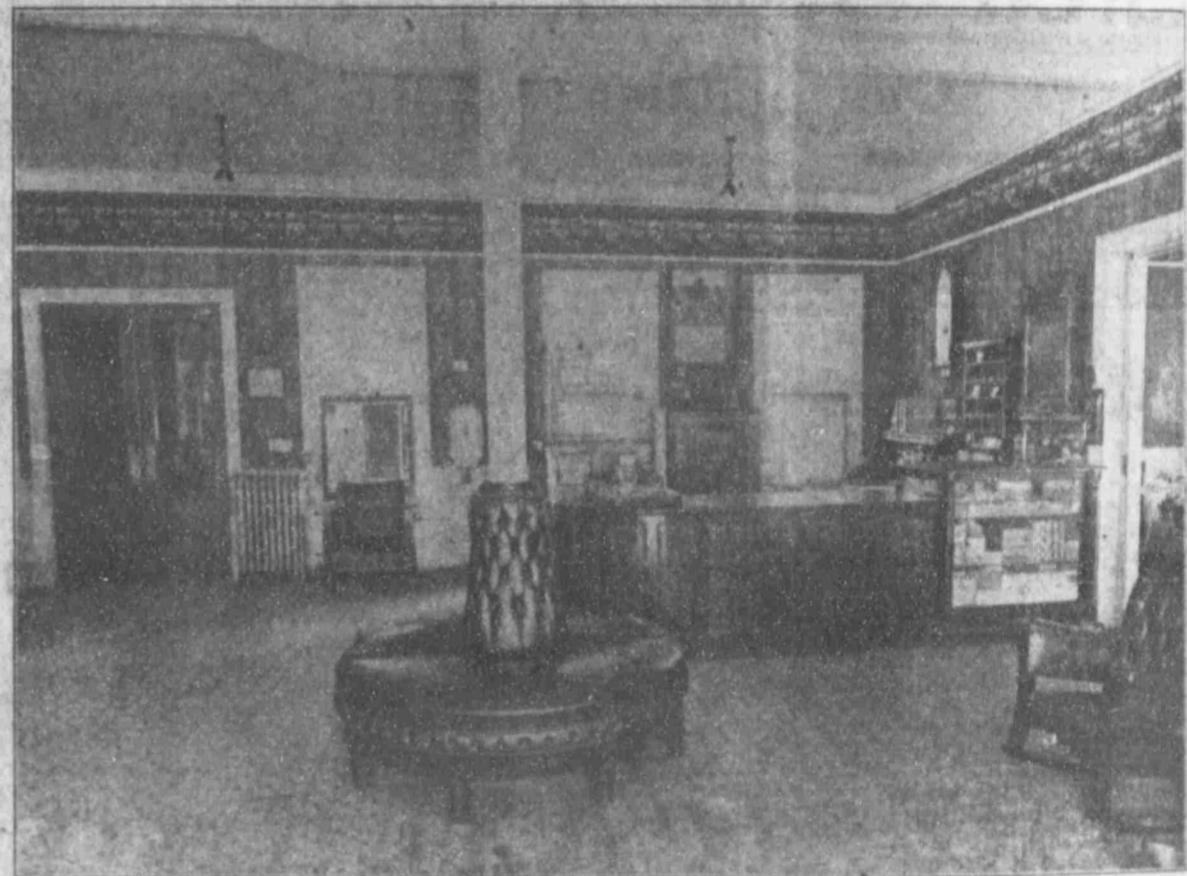
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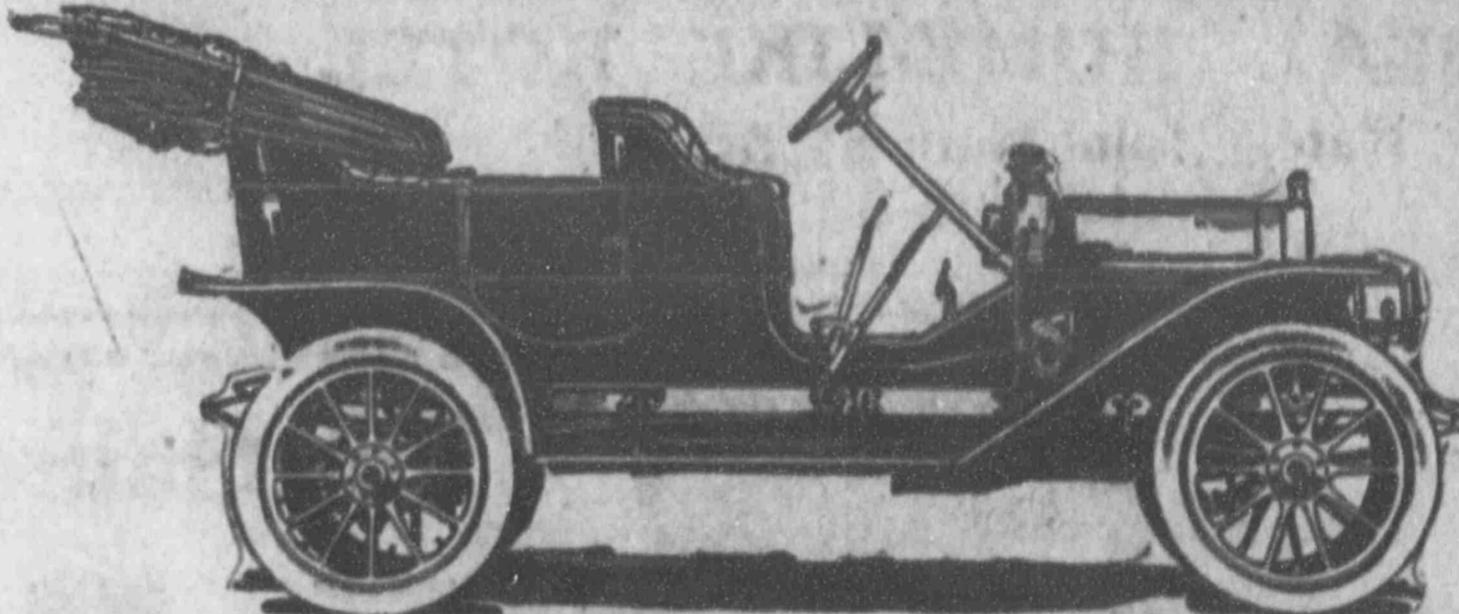
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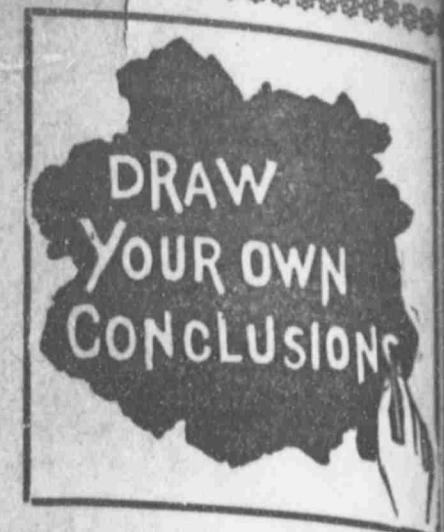
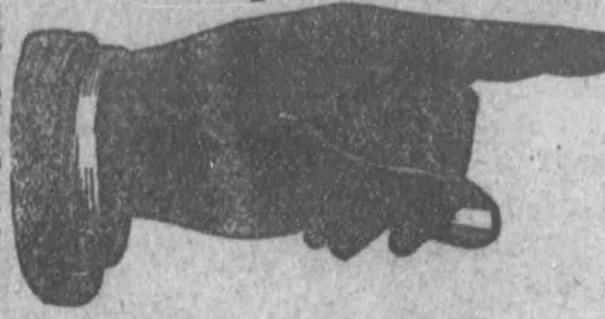
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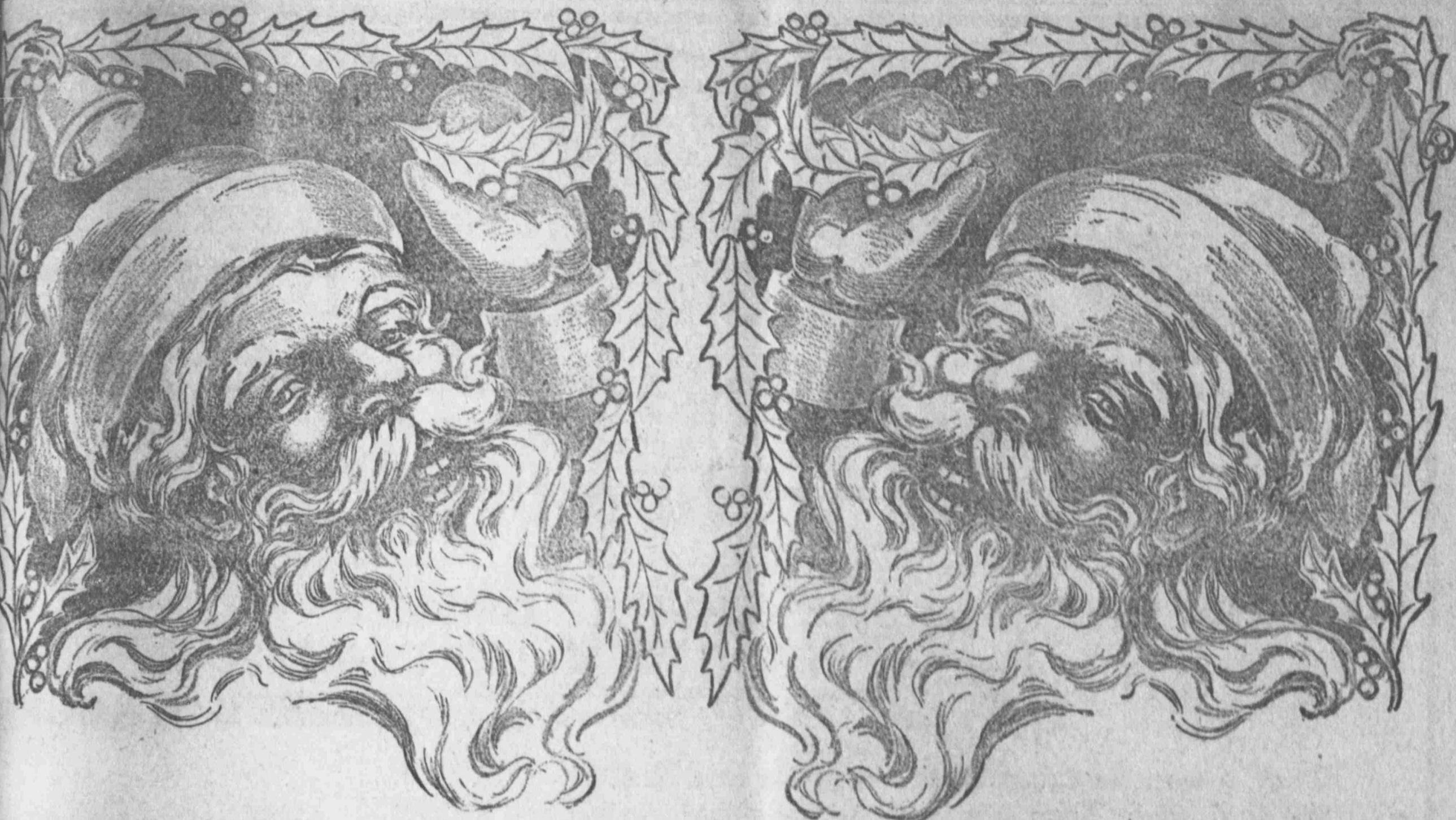
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we had been married just enough last Christmas to wear our first installment of furniture most of our wedding gifts. We were looking a little shabby at the house, so we both agreed in selecting our little remedies for one another we ought to be ourselves to something which is mutually useful and attractive. Both of us had been secretly saving for a morris chair, one of those things with big leather cushions that swallow you up in a delirium of comfort. Mrs. C. wanted it for beauty of the library and her afternoons, and I wanted it for recreation.

Before the Christmas season I began putting by a little sum, with the morris chair in mind. weeks before the 25th I went to a dealer's to look at chairs. I was looking casually for weeks, but it was not until I came into this particular shop that I discovered what I wanted. It was a chair in the darkest and finest of oak, with all attachments of a pair of fat, greenish brown leather cushions that fairly felt like pipe stems, laced with leather strappings tied to the woodwork with thongs. When I saw the chair I knew it was for me, but the price was rather high. The dealer wanted \$95 for it, and when I had got him to act as though he was giving the thing away, I thought I'd hold out a little, so I merely said that he give me a day's option on the chair and paid a small deposit.

"Next day I hurried to the dealer's quickly, prepared to leave my order for the chair. But the dealer did not seem half so inclined to sell. A lady had been there, it seems, a lady of my own name, with the same initials—odd, was it not?—who was willing to give the full price for the article. Then it was my turn to think. On the whole, I decided I did not want the chair after all. If Ellen wanted to buy it, I'd let her have that pleasure.

"Christmas morning we both fussed about the house expectantly. I wondered where on earth Ellen was keeping my morris chair. After breakfast I unloaded a pair of green portières I had bought for her. As the wrapping came off I saw her face fall. Then she went over to a corner and produced an exactly similar bundle and unrolled another pair of green portières for me.

"But," I stammered, "I thought you bought a morris chair?"

"I! Oh, John, didn't you buy it after all?"

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the spot. The dealer was inconsolable. He had sold the chair, he believed; at least he had given a gentleman an op-



HE LIFTED HIS EYEBROWS.

tion on it, and the gentleman had paid a deposit, but if madam would leave her name something might be done.

"When my wife spelled out her cognomen for him he lifted his eyebrows in astonishment. That was exactly the name and those were the initials of the gentleman who had already spoken for the chair. My wife thought for a moment. Then she controlled her emotions and merely remarked that such coincidences were quite common and walked out without leaving her address.

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THE BRIDE'S FIRST CHRISTMAS.

MRS. JOHN VINCENT HARRIS entered the big department store and seated herself at the nearest counter. "No, nothing, thank you," she said to the solicitous clerk. "I just want to make sure I have my list with me. It is so difficult to shop at this time of the year, and it is always difficult to find anything for one's husband. Yes, I suppose many people did their shopping earlier, but I didn't have him then, I mean—

"Why, you sell neckties, don't you? How fortunate! They are on my list. No, I don't think of any particular kind, but something for a tall man. He is a whole head taller than— You say a four-in-hand? Oh, I am afraid he couldn't tie that, but you might give me a two-in-hand. Thank you; that is very pretty, but it is blue. He doesn't like blue. Of course you couldn't know that. Not that one. Why, my papa wears them, and he is lots older. Yes, that one will do.

"Mr. Floorwalker, where are the collars? Thank you. (She approaches the counter.) You, please—are you



THAT CLERK ISN'T A BIT NICE.

busy? I want some collars for my husband. Oh, are these ladies' collars? How stupid! I told that man distinctly I wanted collars.

(At the right place.) "Are husbands' collars here? Well, I am glad I have found the right place at last. Size? You clerks always ask so many questions. I never bought any before, because we've been married only— No, his neck isn't very large. Why, I can't— But he has real broad shoulders. How dare you to think of that! Yes, a box of assumed sizes would be just the thing. Some of them would be sure to be right, if they could cut the sizes up like that."

were not too small. You'd better put in nearly all large sizes. You see, I am starting out as economical as I can be. I think it must be so discouraging for a man to have a woman spend his money on frivolous things. Now, as I was coming down the street I saw a big sale of hats—men's hats. They had been in the window and were a little soiled, but I found such a nice clerk, and he said if I got some of that "1910" soap it would make them look like new. Mr. Harris is very particular about his clothes. He won't wear trousers unless they are pressed. So I bought three of those hats. Don't you think they will last him a long time and save money?

"Mr. Floorwalker, where are the gloves? Gentlemen's? Well, I hope he is. Why, he is my husband. Oh, I see what you mean! Yes, I want them for Mr. John Vincent Harris. (To glove salesman.) Now, don't ask me what size I want. Not too large and not too small. I should think you would learn some of the different sizes so you could tell people. (Holding out her hand.) It's lots larger than that. You think I wear a 6? Well, then, you'd better give me a 12 for him, for he can hold both my hands in one of his. Are these a special sale? Isn't 49 cents cheap for all that kid? Mine cost \$2. No, I don't think he will want more than two or three pairs. Now for the hose.

(In the women's hose department.) "Are you busy? I have so many other things to get, please hurry. I just want to know where the other kind of hose are. It's for my husband. Thank you. (At the men's hose counter.) I want to get a hose—not like these, but— The size? Oh, about fifty feet. Why, of course, I want it longer than a man. I—I—you don't understand. It isn't this kind I want. No, nor ladies' either. I just want a hose we can both use. Mr. Floorwalker, may I speak to you?

"That clerk isn't a bit nice, and I think you ought to punish him. No, he wasn't exactly impudent, but he was too busy to answer my questions. Thank you. I have had so much trouble to find the right kind of hose. I want one fifty feet long. You see, we are thinking of moving to the country in the spring, and we shall want to water the yard. Oh, ought I to have asked for the common garden variety?

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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR



BESSIE.

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WHERE is the tree?" whis-
pered Mrs. Philander anx-
iously as her husband shook
the snow from his coat and
carefully wiped his feet on the brand
new doormat.

"Couldn't get one," returned Philan-
der moodily.

"Couldn't get one! Why not, James
Philander?"

"I forgot it, Bella, until just as I got
off the train, and as that was the last
train from town I couldn't very well
walk back and look up a tree. By that
time the shops would all be closed
and—"

"Walk back! Such nonsense! Of
course if you haven't thought enough
of the children to buy them a tree!"

"My dear," interpolated Philander
desperately, "don't say another word.
I'll find a tree somewhere tonight if
I have to rob the church of the Sun-
day school tree!"

He thrust his arms into his overcoat
and grasped his hat, but Mrs. Philan-
der put out a detaining hand.

"James," she said seriously, "you
cannot find a tree in Rose Heights to-
night. You know there is not a shop
in the Heights, and where else would
you look for a tree?"

"I shall walk into the woods and dig
one," returned Philander, with dignity.

"Well, you could do that, James, but
it is 11 o'clock now and there is no
man. You will lose your way."

"Nonsense!" returned Mr. Philander.
"I hope I know my way around Rose
Heights. I saw a very handsome pine
tree in that strip of woods back on the
Turkey hill road. I could walk there
blindfolded and lay my hand upon that
tree." He asserted rashly.

"Very well," returned Mrs. Philander
reluctantly. "I hate to have you go,
James, but the children will be so dis-
appointed. The presents are all ready,
and I have been up in the attic and
got the base for the tree and all the
ornaments—in fact, everything is ready
except the tree."

"The tree will soon be here," said
Mr. Philander grimly as he jerked on
his coat and turned up his coat collar.
"Just bring me the spade from
the woodshed, please," he added.

"A spade, James! I thought they
chopped trees down. The ground is
frozen."

"Of course, the ax by all means," re-
plied Philander irritably. He was
mad with himself for having forgot-
ten the tree, which was one
of the necessary adjuncts to the Philan-
ders' Christmas. "I had never for-
gotten it before."

gotten it before. He meant to order
it that morning and have it sent to his
suburban home later in the day, but
an important business matter had driven
on the remembrance of the festival
from his mind until his wife's greeting
when he opened the door recalled it to
his attention.

He sallied forth, bearing the ax, and
waded through the newly fallen snow
to the corner of the street, where he
turned toward Turkey hill road. The
snow was only six inches deep, and
the walking was not so bad. Gray
clouds hung low, and there was a slight
flurry of flakes as Philander turned the
corner. When he reached the strip of
woods it was snowing heavily, and he
could only guess at the location of the
particular pine he had in mind.

He whistled cheerily as he walked
along, for his spirits were rising. He
felt a warm glow stealing over his
tired frame as he anticipated the de-
light of the three small Philanders
when they beheld the seifsame tree
that they had so warmly admired a
short while before set up in their own
parlor, ablaze with candles and rich
with gifts.

Mr. Philander stopped and thrashed
himself vigorously with his arms.
There was a faint grayness in the air
that was reflected from the fallen
snow, and there was the tickling rush
of flakes in his eyes. When he reached
the very opening in the woods where
they had admired the tree he turned
around and looked carefully up
and down the road. Of course he
could see nothing, nor was there the
faintest tinkle of bells. It was a
very lonely spot.

Mr. Philander knew that the strip of
woods was private property, and he
also knew that he could make it all
right with Lake, the owner of the
woods, on the following day, as Lake
lived four miles away and it was im-
possible to ask his permission now.

Although Mr. Philander had stated
that he could put his hand on the tree
in the dark, he found it rather a diffi-
cult thing to do after all. He lost
himself several times in the dense
thickets, and all the tree trunks seemed
unfamiliar to his touch. Then, all
at once, he emerged from the under-
brush, and spicely boughs of pine brush-
ed his face.

"Hit it, by Jove!" he exclaimed. He
dug the snow away from the trunk and
with a few lusty blows laid the tree
low and dragged it trailing through
the snow. He lost his bearings once or
twice, and finally, at a moment when
he almost despaired of reaching home

How delighted the children will be. I
am sorry, though, you are so tired,
dear."

"Oh, I'm all right now, Bella," said
Philander cheerfully. "I was worried
after I found that I had forgotten the
tree, but I closed out that deal with
Weils today, and I was busy every moment."

"How lovely that you got the
contract, James!" cried his wife excitedly.
"That is a fine Christmas present for
you!"

"You bet your life it is," returned
Philander jocosely. "Now let us get
the tree ready for the kiddies. Every-
thing handy?"

"There isn't a thing for you to do,
dear, save to hang them on the tree," said
his wife, leading the way to the
lighted parlor, where the tree stood,
its symmetrical branches glistening in
the light and exuding a fresh balsamic
odor.

"By Jove, it is the handsomest tree
we ever had!" exclaimed Mr. Philan-
der, surveying the shapely conifer ad-
miringly.

They were soon at work, and pres-
ently the beautiful tree blossomed
forth in glistening festoons of gold and
silver tinsel. A radiant star tipped
the highest point, while daintily dec-
orated gifts burdened the branches and
were heaped at the base.

It was with unusual satisfaction that
the Philanders retired that night. They
were loth to leave the resplendent tree,
but utter weariness drove them to bed.

It was daylight when the first de-
lighted shriek from a small Philander
awoke his tired parents. Mr. Philan-
der groaned dismally. He ached from
head to foot, and he was sick from
lack of sleep. Mrs. Philander was
equally tired; but, with the self ab-
negation of mothers in general and
mothers in particular on Christmas
morning, she got up and went down-
stairs to enter into the joys of the hap-
py children.

When Mr. Philander came down-
stairs to breakfast the children gathered
about him eagerly.

"Father," asked Jack, the eldest. "Is
this the very tree we saw last Sunday
when we walked along Turkey hill
road? Is this the very tree?"

"Who told you that, Jack?" asked
Mr. Philander sharply.

"Oh, mother did. I told her I had
seen it somewhere before, and she said
it was that very tree."

"I fought Santa Claws brought it!"
wailed Bessie, dragging her new doll
remorselessly by its flaxen hair.

"An' I finked it came that way, too!"

the tree we saw," insisted the boy ob-
stinately.

"Never mind, never mind," returned
Mr. Philander good naturedly.

He sought his wife, who was helping
Norah with the breakfast. "Our tree
was a great success, my dear," he said
gaily.

"It is beautiful," replied Mrs. Philan-
der happily. "The children are so de-
lighted."

"Well, I'm glad of that. I was tell-
ing Taylor yesterday morning going
down on the train that Christmas was
not Christmas without a tree, and he
said that it wouldn't be Christmas at
their house, then, for they were not
going to have one."

"How strange!" uttered Mrs. Philan-
der. "Why not, pray?"

"Oh, I don't know. He said some-
thing about hard times. He said the
good, old fashioned Christmas suited
them well enough; that they would
hang their stockings before the fire
and all that, you know."



JACK.

"Dear, dear! I think the children
prefer a tree just the same," said Mrs.
Philander regretfully. "Poor little Tom-
my Taylor! We must invite him over
to see the children's tree this after-
noon."

"Yes, indeed, that will be an excel-
lent plan. Suppose we invite a few
people to spend the evening and enjoy
the tree with us. We can put on some
small remembrances and have a jolly
time," said Philander, warming up to
the subject as he proceeded.

"That will be delightful," agreed
Mrs. Philander. "Let us ask the Tay-
lors."

"Sure, we'll ask them!" chuckled
Philander. "I'll show Taylor the way
to keep Christmas."

That afternoon Mrs. Philander busied
herself in preparing for the evening's
entertainment. The Taylors had ac-
cepted gladly, and so had the other invited
guests, and Mr. Philander, who
was the soul of hospitality, walked
about and rubbed his hands with ple-
asant anticipation.

He made sundry trips to the cellar
for apples and cider and cracked great
bowls of nuts. He carried in huge
arm loads of wood for the fireplace and
surveyed the roaring blaze with com-
placent satisfaction.

It was at that moment that Jack
Philander burst noisily in. "Oh, fa-
ther, what do you think?" he began
breathlessly.

"Well, my boy, what is it now?" asked
Mr. Philander indigently as he
warmed his coat tails comfortably.

"I heard Mr. Taylor telling some men
that somebody chopped down the tree
from his front lawn last night."

"What tree?" asked Mr. Philander
absently.

"Why, that tree—you know, the Nor-
way pine that stood on their front
lawn!"

"What a pity!" exclaimed Mrs. Philan-
der. "Mrs. Taylor told me it was
the pride of her husband's heart."

"How did it happen, Jack?" asked
Philander, with interest.

"Mr. Taylor said his wife heard some
one chopping about half past 11 last
night, but she didn't think anything of it,
and this morning they found the tree
was gone—only the stump left."

"That's very strange," observed Mr.
Philander. "Hard luck for Taylor."

"And, father," continued Jack earnestly,
"I was in the woods on Turkey hill
road today and that little tree we
saw last Sunday is there yet. You
didn't cut it down, I knew that one
wasn't it."

Mr. Philander paled slightly.

"Why, father," pursued the terrible
Jack with a direness born of sudden
revelation. "This is Mr. Taylor's tree!
I knew I'd seen it before!"

Mr. Philander shrank from their hor-
rified gaze.

"The Taylors will be here in a few
minutes, James," said Mrs. Philander
coldly.

"My dear, I must have got turned
around in the storm, but the Lord

only knows how I got in Taylor's
yard."

"It's on the other side of the woods,
father," said Jack sympathetically.
"and I guess you walked right through
and into Mr. Taylor's yard."

"I must have done that," groaned
Mr. Philander. Then with sudden in-
spiration he stripped the tree of its
ornaments and candles and carried it
through the house into the back yard.
He scratched a match, and in five min-
utes the Philander Christmas tree was
a charred ruin.

"Too bad, old chap," said Taylor
commissarively as Philander agitatedly
explained the absence of the tree.
"That's one reason why I don't
believe in Christmas trees. They are
apt to take fire, and there you are.
I am glad it happened before we ar-
rived."

"So am I," ejaculated Mr. Philander.
But all the little Philanders agreed
that it was the most beautiful Christ-
mas tree they ever had.

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can tell it. Miss Luella took a sudden
fancy to hang up her stocking Christ-
mas eve, just for the fun of it. She
hung it below the mantel, setting a
mouse trap on the turned over edge



I FOUND NO INTRUDER.

to hold it there. When she got up in
the morning she ran to see if St. Nick
had remembered her—and he had.

"When she shrieked I grabbed one
of my Indian exercise clubs, wrapped
a quilt around me and rushed into her
room to kill the burly burglar. She
was still shrieking. I looked under
the bed, in the clothes closet, every-



where, but found no intruder. I found
him in the stocking.

"I drowned him—in the washbowl.
Then I took advantage of the occasion
to tell Miss Luella that if she actually
wanted a real live Christmas present
she could have me."

If Christmas day Saturday be
A great winter that year you'll see
And full of winds high loud and shrill.
But in summer, truth to tell,
High winds shall there be and strong,
Full of tempests lasting long.
And great plenty of beasts shall die,
They shall be strong, each one, and keen,
Though then be sick, thou dost not.

What's in a Name?

Papa—Boys, what do you want for
Christmas?
Bobby—I want a bobsled.
Dobby—I want a billy goat.
Papa—Suppose you swap.



DRAGGED IT TRAILING THROUGH THE SNOW.

that night, he found himself standing
before his own gate.

He carted the tree around to the
back door, and with Mrs. Philander's
help it was taken into the house and
set up in the parlor.

Mr. Philander thawed himself out in
front of the kitchen stove and quaffed
fragrant coffee that his grateful wife
had prepared.

"It is a beauty, James," she said
gaily. "The best we ever had."

protested Robin indignantly.
"It's a Santa Claus tree, babies,
so don't feel bad about it. Run away
and play," said Mr. Philander reassuringly.

Then he turned to Jack. "Yes,
this is the very same tree, my boy," he
said proudly.

"It doesn't look like it, father," said
Jack bluntly.

"Doesn't, eh? What's the matter
with it?"

"Oh, nothing. It's fine, but—

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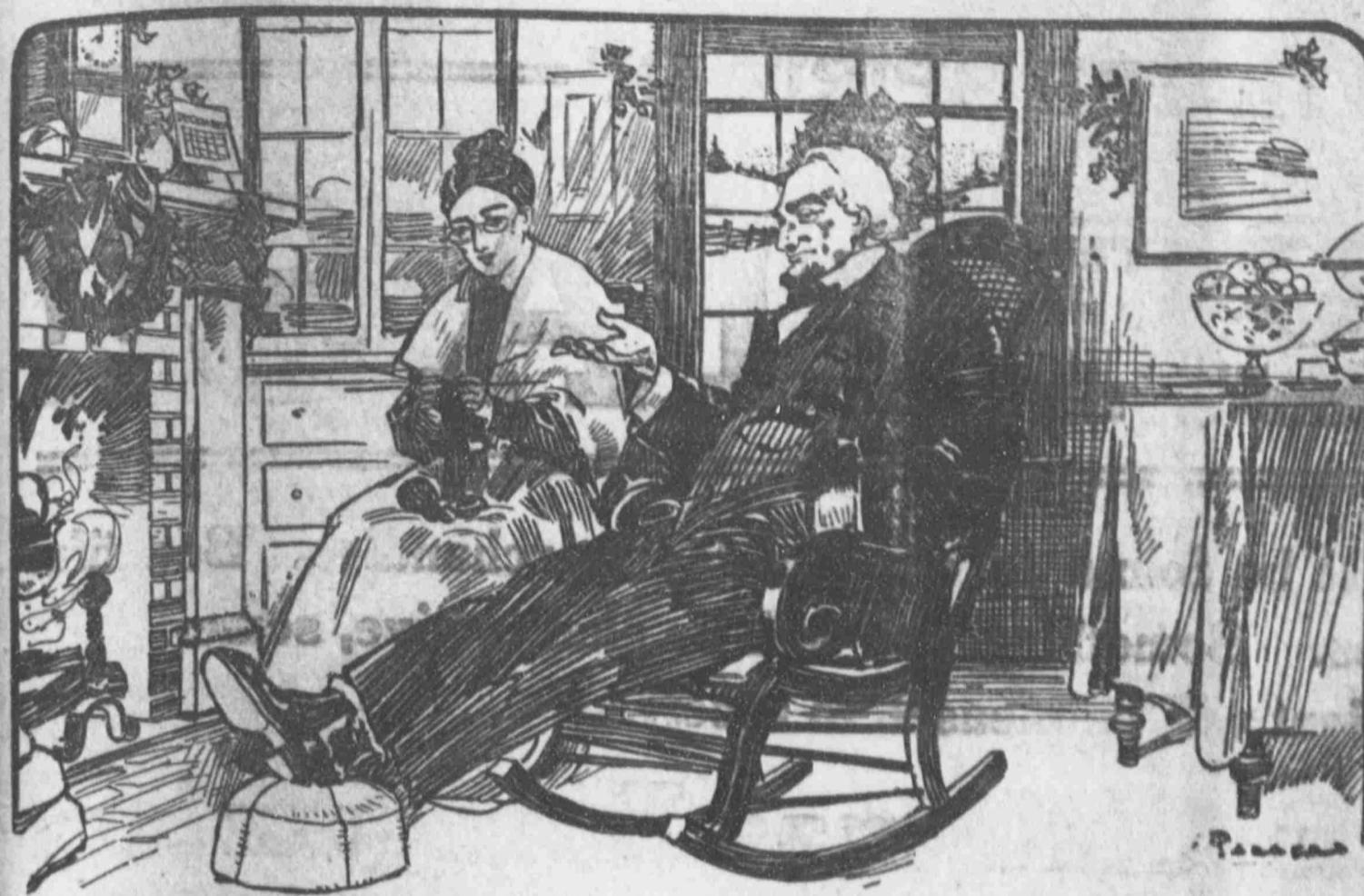
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Once more around the Yuletide feast,
Our sons and daughters dear.
Then there'll be all the babies, too,
To jolt upon my knee
And make our big, old fashioned house
A scene of revelry.

The hemlock wreaths hang on the wall,
That spray of mistletoe
Recalls, old dear, our sparkling days,
Some fifty years ago,
When first I kissed you underneath
The bough of fateful pearls.
I seem to see you once again,
The sweetest of all girls.

The pantry shelves are loaded down
With every kind of cake
And pies of mince and pumpkin such
As only you can make.
Beyond the close shut parlor door
An angel bright and fair
Is looking down upon a tree
That stands all ready there.

Put up your knitting, mother, dear.
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Across the snow clad upper road
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well finished; outside with beautiful
mahogany. Semi-colonial in style,
with pilasters and trusses to match
its appearance. Full empire top with
drop molding.

Cheeks and toe blocks built up of
many thicknesses to insure absolute
stability in wear. Case is equipped
with compounded key bottom to insure
stability and uniformity of touch.
Back is made of quarter sawed rock
maple, consisting of six posts.

The sounding board is of California
spruce, cross ribs of the same material,
running at right angles, of
ounding board from corner to corner of
the entire width of the sounding
board area.

Treble and bass bridges laminated
and built up of many thicknesses of
the choicest quarter sawed maple,
pin block laminated and built up of
five different layers of wood, insuring
absolute stability of instrument to
stand in tone. Imported German tuning
pins and strings, double repeating
wood flange action, splendidly regulated,
and 13 pound hammers of the
choicest material; white mass strings;
ivory keys of a splendid quality of
ivory; noiseless trap work and three
pedals.

The iron plate of this piano is ex-

tra heavy reinforced and of the best
bell metal, plate is finished in dark
olive green. Guarantee is cast in top
of plate. This piano is equipped with
double wheel casters.

We will give one vote for each pen-
ny spent with us in our different de-
partments. Watch out for our ad.
in every issue of The Sun. Cut it
out and bring or send it in to us and
we will allow 5 votes on each or the
amount stated thereon. Our first ad.
will allow anyone entering the race
100 votes. The only ballot box will
be found in our establishment, where
you are to vote. Branch office of
Manufacturer in Cincinnati, Ohio,
from whom the Piano for this contest
was purchased, have agreed to re-
deem through us the ten \$100 Certi-
ficates as follows: One certificate
each for \$100, which will be redeem-
able in cash as a payment on any
piano they manufacture.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. The contest is open to anyone living in Alachua county who is known by the conductor of the contest or vouched for by some reputable person, to them well known.
2. No employee, attache or relative of the proprietor of L. C. Smith are eligible to participate in this contest, and will participate in no manner.
3. In the event a candidate decides to withdraw from the race, such candidate will not be allowed to transfer votes to the credit of another candidate in the contest.

L. C. SMITH'S PIANO CONTEST

VOTING COUPON—Good for

10 VOTES

For _____

Address _____

This coupon may be cast at our place of business.
NOT GOOD AFTER DECEMBER 25th, 1909.

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For solid ser-
of it—we rec-
New England
neither the
watch nor the
watch, but a
handsome, time-
that is fully guar-
respect. For the
value at the lowest possible price, get a



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Watch. It is
cheap clock
costly jewelry
medium-priced,
keeping watch
anted in every
best real watch

New England

\$2 to \$36

Have you seen the splendid New England cata-
log?—call for one.

THE WILSON STORE

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CHRISTMAS!!

The useful as well as the ornamental to be found in our Holiday merchandise. Beautiful gifts such as good taste dictates. Something you will be glad to give, something the recipient will be pleased to receive.

Make this Store Your Christmas Headquarters

Below we quote from our immense stock items suitable to each member of the family at prices that will mean a saving to you. Read them and make your selections easy.

What Would They Like?



For Mother and Grandmother....

Nothing more appropriate to please mother or grandmother than a nice tailored suit. We are showing a big assortment for Holiday trade at \$12.50, \$15, \$25, \$32.50, \$35 and up
 Skirts \$2.98 to \$15.00
 Waists 98 to 15.00
 Silk Petticoats 3.98 to 12.50
 Fancy Towels, 25c to \$1.25 each.
 Fancy linen pieces of all kinds
 Napkins \$1 to \$6 dozen
 Table linens, beautiful goods, all qualities 50c to \$8 yard
 Linen Sets, cloth and napkins to match \$5.50 to \$10 set
 Blankets, good warm fluffy blankets, \$1 to \$10 pr
 Comforts, nice cotton comforts, beautiful patterns \$1 to \$3.50 each
 Rugs, all kinds and sizes \$1 to \$30



For the Baby

A nice warm cap 25c and up
 Beautiful Sacques 25c and up
 Warm mittens 15c and up
 Leggins, white and colored 25 and 50c
 Infants comb and brush set
 Small dolls
 Fancy boxes

Fancy China Pieces

Dainty fancy work. All the novelties that go to make up a complete Holiday display.
 You are asked to make this store headquarters. Come and go as much as you like—join the merry throng and be happy.

For Sister

Fancy neckwear	25c and up
Silk hose, black and colors	\$1.25
Fancy Kimonas	\$1 to \$12.50
Kid Gloves	75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50
Handkerchiefs, beautiful in every detail	5c to \$2.50
Fancy Jewelry	Fancy Hat Pins
Fancy Aprons	25c to 98c

HOLIDAY Suits, Coats

Capes and Skirts

NOTHING MORE USEFUL OR MORE APPROPRIATE

Silk Waists
 Silk Petticoats
 Rain Coats
 Kimonos
 Everything for Milady apparel

Fine Millinery—Nice Hats all underpriced; very pleasing

Fancy Holiday Goods

A grand display of Fancy Goods, both useful and ornamental

Everything selected with the greatest care and marked at the usual Dry Goods profit. All on the first floor and for your approval.

Come Early Come Often



For Father and Grandfather....

Fine Dress Shirts, we are showing a beautiful line at	\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2
Fancy vests	\$1.25 and up
Fancy suspenders	25c and up
Fancy neckwear	25 and 50c
Socks	10, 15, 25 and 50c
Handkerchiefs	10c and up
Beautiful initial handkerchiefs	10, 15 and 25c
Bath Robes, good and warm	
Umbrellas	\$1 to \$3.50
Good warm underwear	39c and up

For Brother

Fancy vest Neckwear Handkerchiefs
 Fancy sox Umbrellas Suspenders
 Hundreds of desirable articles from which to choose.

Handkerchiefs

Our line is complete from the inexpensive to the more elaborate lace ones.

As good values as were ever shown in the city. See the good values we offer at 10, 15, 25 and 50c. Initial handkerchiefs 10, 15 and 25c.

Dolls Dolls Dolls

Our display far exceeds in looks and low price any shown in the city. Faces are perfect.

We have covered the ground and you will find all kinds to suit any purse from 5c and up to good as you want.

Bring the children to see them.

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WILSON CO.

Both
Phone

The approaching Christmas Holidays give evidence that another year has almost vanished and

THE
G. W. HYDE CO.

Are indeed Grateful for the beautiful Patronage they have enjoyed from the Citizens of Gainesville and Central Florida.

In general it gives the best proof that the magnificent trading palace we had erected here in Gainesville is appreciated. We have conscientiously endeavored to conduct the business of the G. W. Hyde Company on strictly business principals catering to the wants of all to the best of our ability. Mistakes will happen and we make some, no doubt, but not with intent.

We rely on our best judgment and those of our faithful employes to serve you well. Whenever we fail we regret it sincerely, and if opportunity is given we will cheerfully correct it if in our power. We employ from twenty-five to forty people during the year, and in every instance possible, we employ residents here or nearby.

We Strive Hard to Please Every Customer we Have. We Endeavor by all Honorable Means to Secure More. We intend if Possible to Make the Hyde Co. one of the Largest Businesses of the State and we Reasonably think we can

NO ONE DOUBTS or disputes the fact that we enjoy unusual advantages in the purchasing of our merchandise. We take advantage of every opportunity to purchase our merchandise direct from the largest mills. WE OPERATE FOUR OF THE LARGEST STORES IN FLORIDA and a large warehouse of four floors with headquarters in Jacksonville as a central shipping point and save one-third on freights alone by this method. EVERY STORE WE OPERATE IS ACTIVE AND DOES A MAGNIFICENT BUSINESS--DO WE NOT OPENLY SHOW YOU THE TRUE FACTS WHY WE CAN UNDERSELL all other stores? We virtually retail our fine merchandise at wholesale prices. We have it to do to move the large quantities of goods we must buy to buy from the mills direct.

We inaugurate a grand sweeping Christmas sale during the next ten days. Our entire line of elegant DRY GOODS, READY-TO-WEAR, MEN'S and LADIES' FURNISHINGS, CHRISTMAS TOYS and NOVELTIES of every description go on sale to dispose of them quickly and you'll profit much to make the Hyde Company your headquarters during this great TEN DAYS' Christmas sale.

The Hyde Company store will show you during this Ten Days' Christmas sale the most startling values ever shown in our store, in the State or South. Trade early in the day and early in the week--the satisfaction of early, deliberate shopping comes to those who trade early, and to the merchant who can serve his customers well when full attention can be given. Thousands of dollars of the best merchandise manufactured will be sold during this grand Christmas closing sale.

The G. W. Hyde Company.

Keep in mind that the Hyde Company is Santa Claus' headquarters. Over thirty cases beautiful holiday presents are on display and we do not want you to miss the display or the chance of purchasing them.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS



WE CARRY A FULL LINE OF

GAS RANGES AND HEATERS

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"We Sell Heat, Light, Power" Gas and Electric Appliances.

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